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BLESS ME Brown, 1934	*Sickle	Phalaris	Polymelus
			Bromus
		Selene	Chaucer
			Serenissima
	Buginarug	Blue Larkspur	Black Servant
			Blossom Time
		Breakfast Bell	Black Toney
			Batter Cake

BROTHER IN BLOOD TO BY JIMMINY

SIRE LINE

BLESS ME comes of a sire line predominant in America, England and other countries. His sire, *Sickle, was leading sire in America in 1936 and 1938, and his get in this country alone, exclusive of England and France, etc., have won very close to two million dollars. *Sickle's brother, *Pharamond II, likewise has been notably successful in the United States, and his half-brother, Hyperion, is not only England's greatest living sire but one of the greatest England has produced. Back to Bend Or through the successive steps of *Sickle, Phalaris, Polymelus, Cyllene and Bona Vista, BLESS ME has an ancestry rich in outstanding successful sires.

FEMALE LINE

BLESS ME traces in tail female line to *Macaroon, one of the foundation mares of Mr. E. R. Bradley's Idle Hour Stud, thence back to a mare by Matchem of a family which has produced for Mr. Bradley such stakes winning mares as Batter Cake, Baba Kenny, Bee Mac, Beanie M and Betty Beall. *Macaroon's daughter, Batter Cake, won the Cincinnati Trophy at two and was half-sister to Betty Beall, who is the dam of Baba Kenny and Beanie M, both of whom won the Matron and other stakes. (Baba Kenny also is the dam of Bee Mac). Batter Cake's daughter, Breakfast Bell, by Black Toney (half-sister to several stakes winners), was a consistent performer in four years of racing, winning stakes at Saratoga and Belmont Park, and then producing Buginarug. Buginarug, due to an injured hip raced only at three and from six starts won three and was twice third racing against the best of her age in the East. Her first foal was BLESS ME. She has since produced the winner Bit of Sugar, and this year's outstanding 3-year-old, By Jimminy, winner of the Grand Union Hotel Stakes, the Shevlin, Dwyer, Travers and the American Derby, setting a new record for the race. Thus to *Sickle, Buginarug produced Bless Me and to *Sickle's full brother, *Pharamond II, she produced By Jimminy. It will be noted that Buginarug has two close crosses to Black Toney, one of the greatest tributaries of the rich source of Domino blood in this country. She is by a grandson of Black Toney out of a daughter of Black Toney.

RACING PERFORMANCE

BLESS ME, a grand individual, was a top race horse. He made six starts at two, won four and was placed in the other two. He won at Saratoga, at Belmont (beating First Fiddle and Wait A Bit) and at Laurel (beating Vagrancy). In the Walden Stakes at Pimlico he was beaten only a neck by Alsab. Regarding this race the chart said:

> "Bless Me kept close to the leaders, moved up readily near last turn, came up on inside, was bothered slightly, recovered quickly, went to outside and finished a neck back of Alsab, wearing him down at every stride."

At three, Bless Me won the Saranac Handicap easily by four lengths, mile in 1:37⅕. He won another race at Saratoga by six lengths, mile in 1:37⅕. He won a three-quarter race at this age, defeating the 4-year-old Harvard Square, in 1:11⅖, and was second, beaten a neck in Jerome Handicap, giving the winner ten pounds, finishing ahead of Devil Diver, mile in 1:36⅖.

While training for the Arlington Classic Bless Me worked 1⅛ miles at Suffolk Downs in 1:49⅖, his fractions for the mile being :46⅕, 1:09⅘ and 1:35⅘.

At four Bless Me won the Frontier Handicap at Detroit, 1⅛ miles, beating Bon Jour, Col. Teddy, Amber Light and Some Man. He won the Gen. Doolittle Handicap, carrying top weight, ¾ in 1:10⅖, also won another ¾ race by six lengths, giving 8 to 16 pounds to each of the other starters. In his entire career of 22 starts, Bless Me won ten races, was second in four and third in two.

BLESS ME will stand for the 1945 SEASON

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*EASTON, Brown, 1931	Dark Legend	Dark Ronald	Bay Ronald
			Darkie
		Golden Legend	Amphion
			St. Lucre
	*Phaona	Phalaris	Polymelus
			Bromus
		Destination	Desmond
			L'Etoile

*Easton was a stakes winner in France, England, and Belgium, and a stakes winner in each of the three seasons he raced. He entered the stud in England in 1936 and in the United States in 1941. *Easton probably would not have been exported from England, so outstanding are his qualifications as sire, except for the war.

From his crops in England, he sired the stakes winners Joke, Silver Phantom, Kinkajou, Bees Knees, East Glen, Swanee River, Lysander, and Wiston. His get also includes Judica, East Bee, Boastful, Oast, all placed in stakes, and other horses of stakes caliber. He is sire of winners at two this season from his first American crop.

On his male side, *Easton carries the blood of a succession of brilliant sires. His female line is the best. *Phaona also produced *Hilltown (sire of Valdina Orphan, others), and she is a daughter of the mighty Phalaris. Destination was half-sister to the great sire Ecouen, and the third dam, L'Etoile, was sister to *Star Shoot, one of the greatest sires ever to stand in America.

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Take a Good Look First

AFTER the yearling sales at Keeneland this year the *Breeder's Gazette*, one of the country's best farm papers, wrote itself a paragraph, half in fun, perhaps, but expressing a thought-sequence which at times runs almost automatically through the minds of people who ordinarily pay little attention to the Thoroughbred.

THOROUGHBREDS @ $5,230

Gee whiz, at Keeneland Racetrack, Lexington, Ky., Arthur B. Hancock and a score of the Bluegrass breeders auctioned 437 Thoroughbred yearlings for $2,285,000, an av. of $5,230. Why, back in 1929 it took 355 head at Tattersalls, Saratoga Springs, and all around to bring $2,170,775. Maybe some of us farmers ought to try and produce a galloper or two.

There is, of course, more to it than just saying, "Pass the gravy, please." Everybody knows that there are a great many hazards involved in breeding Thoroughbreds, but, just in case someone may have forgotten these hazards in the sudden flush of success, let us have a precautionary look.

Arthur B. Hancock's name is mentioned among the fortunate few who shared in the high yearling prices of 1944. He does very well as an example.

Mr. Hancock first learned about breeding Thoroughbreds from his father, who left him a Virginia farm, a well established stud, a reputation for success, an invaluable experience in breeding and selling race horses. He now has more than a thousand acres of land in Virginia, more than two thousand in Kentucky. These farms are especially equipped for the production of race horses, with barns, paddocks, roads, fences, water systems, residences, offices—everything organized with assembly-line precision for one main purpose, the production of Thoroughbreds which will sell for good prices.

To the management of these enterprises Mr. Hancock gives his own time in full, and the knowledge gained in a lifetime of experience. To assist him he has a manager of farming activities, three or four highly trained department heads who have given virtually their whole lives to gain their present knowledge of handling horses, a full-time veterinarian of the highest qualifications, plus a loyal staff of laborers thoroughly acquainted with their specialized work. His blacksmith must keep the feet of yearlings and other stock always in proper order.

To feed the horses the man must buy the best feed obtainable. To provide them with pasturage he must spend thousands of dollars feeding the land. To prevent infestation with parasites he must spend additional thousands.

To provide himself with stallions and mares Mr. Hancock has invested many hundreds of thousands of dollars. One stallion in which he has a part interest cost a quarter-million, another cost half that much. These and the others were selected carefully, in the light of the most complete experience and knowledge of bloodlines and of the market. But even with these advantages he sometimes finds it necessary to cull out high-priced stallions on which he has invested not only the purchase price but the use of his best mares for several seasons.

Along with the other items, the present reputation of Claiborne and Ellerslie Studs represents the cumulative results of advertising and promotion running probably into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Even with all this, the high prices don't come automatically. There have been years when prices were too low to yield a profit. There have been years when there was no market at all, when one could only wait and carry the expense and prepare for tomorrow. Last year and this the market was high, but they represented a windfall; definitely they were not the sort that one borrows money on four years in advance.

The present upturn in the fortunes of the Turf in general will undoubtedly attract new breeders, as it has attracted new owners. We welcome them and wish them the best of good luck in a fascinating game. But let none of them imagine that it is a mere matter of producing a galloper or two and sending them off to the yearling market and collecting five thousand dollars apiece for them. That's not the way the buyers play.

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SIDELIGHTS

By Joe H. Palmer

Done with Mirrors

READERS of this department may remember a few notes on the Photochart, now used in New York and elsewhere to photograph finishes. The chief difference between the Photochart and other cameras is that it photographs only the finish line, but photographs it repeatedly, at some hellish number of times a second, so what you get is a picture of every part of every horse as that part crosses the finish.

But no matter what, you can depend on it that every now and then some worthy citizen, having just dropped a nose decision on the post, will emit a howl to the effect that the camera favors the outside horse. This is not a legitimate howl, but I daresay the camera people are a little tired of it.

From now on it will be a difficult matter to manufacture such a howl in New York, for on September 11 the Photochart added a mirror to its equipment, and now it will be able to display finishes as seen from both sides. Early in the game it was suggested that two cameras be used, one on each side of the track, but complete syncronization of the two apparently presented too many problems, for it was never done very successfully. But now the Photochart will present a picture showing the finish as usual, and also, at the top of the same picture the reflection of the finish in a mirror on the finish line, or the equivalent of a picture made from both sides of the field at once. It makes you wonder why nobody thought of it before.

Racing by Volume

IF Hollywood Park and Santa Anita get open this winter, as they seem in train to do, the winter season will be the biggest since the repeal of racing legislation in Texas. For the first time since that event, there will be four racing centers during the winter on a good scale, Mexico City having taken the place of the Texas circuit. New Orleans racing, in the meanwhile, has been greatly improved.

Already, taking a rough line from the serial numbers of *Daily Racing Form's* charts, there have been about 13,000 races run this year through August, or considerably more than were run in the same period in 1941, the last pre-war year of racing. Looking casually over the remaining months in the year, this bystander can see at least 4,000 more coming, and by the time all the minor tracks are counted in, there is a fair possibility that 1942's alltime record of 17,593 races will be reached this year, always assuming, as you must these days, that nothing happens.

The remaining casualties of the war in racing are Havre de Grace, Bowie, Tanforan, Del Mar, Hollywood Park, Santa Anita, and, if you chance to live in Nebraska, Ak-Sar-Ben. Havre de Grace and Bowie have not suffered greatly, since they have shared in the joint meetings at Pimlico, and if they have closed tracks, have open bank accounts. If the two big California tracks open this year, there will be nothing left but mopping-up operations to regain a completely normal schedule.

Of course Saratoga isn't where it used to be, and neither, for that matter, is Empire City. But they have consolations.

REMINDERS

Thursday **September 14** ♋ The Breast	Durham Cup Handicap, Woodbine Park.
Friday **September 15** ♌ The Heart	Breeders' Futurity of 1946 closes. Jamaica stakes close. Laurel Park stakes close. Coronation Stakes, Woodbine Park.
Saturday **September 16** ♌ The Heart	Aqueduct closes; Beldame Handicap, Cowdin Stakes. Narragansett Special, Narragansett Park. Hawthorne Autumn Handicap, Hawthorne. Woodbine Park closes; Hendrie Steeplechase Handicap, Breeder's Stakes, Jockey Club Handicap. Blue Bonnets closes.
Sunday **September 17** ♌ The Heart	1915: Orme destroyed.
Monday **September 18** ♏ The Bowels	Belmont Park opens; Fall Highweight Handicap.
Tuesday **September 19** ♏ The Bowels	Jerome Handicap, Belmont Park.
Wednesday **September 20** ♎ The Reins	Broad Hollow Steeplechase Handicap, Belmont Park.
Thursday **September 21** ♎ The Reins	Beulah Park closes.
Friday **September 22** ♎ The Reins	Foals of 1944 must be registered on or before October 31.
Saturday **September 23** ♏ The Secrets	Manhattan Handicap, Matron Stakes, Belmont Park. Hawthorne Juvenile Stakes, Hawthorne. Mary Dyer Handicap, James H. Connors Memorial Handicap, Narragansett Park. Thorncliffe Park opens. Wheeling Downs closes.

Notes on Clearing a Desk

THE earth tremor reported recently on the Eastern seaboard probably originated at 250 Park Avenue, New York. Breaking all tradition (and traditions at 250 Park Avenue break hard), the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association elected three women, all staunch supporters of steeplechasing, to membership: Mrs. Payne Whitney, Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark, Mrs. Marion du Pont Scott.

A prominent New York racing official, possibly upset by the flashing lights of the totalizator and all of the annual awards which are presently to come, has suggested a plaque each year to the person for whom racing has done the most.

Racing in New York got left out in the cold a little last week. Laurel Park had a record opening. When the smoke of firing cleared away there were new betting record totals in New England, Michigan, Illinois, and New Jersey. New York's high mark was only its second best, the $3,440,404 at Aqueduct being topped by a $3,562,771 at Belmont Park last spring. The week's total in New York, of course, was about as high as any two other states put together, but still no record.

NEW YORK

Aqueduct

THE fall meeting at Aqueduct opened on Labor Day, got a tremendous send-off when a crowd of about 50,000 jammed the course, sent $3,440,404 through the totalizator. This was a new record for Aqueduct, and has been surpassed only once in New York. There was a drop on the following day, of course, but business went up steadily through the rest of the week, and for the first six days the total was $13,233,995, a daily average of $2,205,666.

The principal events of the week were the Aqueduct, Edgemere, and Babylon Handicaps. On opening day Alex Barth took the Aqueduct, his fourth stakes success of the season. Running in the field without distinction was Havahome Stable's Strategic, which finished last except for Four Freedoms, which went lame during the race. But on September 9 Strategic put up a considerably improved performance to take the Edgemere Handicap, as the utter outsider in the field.

Also on opening day Brookmeade Stable's Sun Herod graduated from the maiden ranks, and two days later he came out to take the Babylon Handicap from a fairly good field of 2-year-olds.

Three stakes remain on the Aqueduct program. The Bay Shore Handicap, seven-furlong dash for 3-year-olds and up with $10,000 added, will be decided September 13, and among the 11 nominations are Brownie, *Bellwether, Alquest, Stir Up, Occupation, Three Dots, and Wait A Bit. The Cowdin Stakes and the Beldame Handicap are to be run closing day, September 16, and the Cowdin may bring Free for All and Pavot together for the first time; Sir Bim, Bobanet, Buymeabond, Sun Herod, Unconditional, Alexis, Maransart, Fighting Don, Flood Town, Errard, Jeep, Plebiscite, and Esteem are also eligible to the 6½-furlong event. The Beldame Handicap has 18 nominations, including Vienna, Moon Maiden, Good Morning, Twilight Tear, Miss Keeneland, Whirlabout, and Donitas First.

Hirsch Stable Burns

One of the worst race track fires of recent years on the night of September 9 destroyed the stable at Belmont Park occupied by Trainer Max Hirsch, causing the death of the veteran handicapper Dit, the good-class Que Hord, and ten other horses. On the day after the race Deputy Fire Marshal Peter Lynch began an investigation, and it was unofficially suggested that spontaneous combustion of hay in the loft was responsible for the blaze. The fire was discovered about 10:30 at night, and 14 horses were got out, but the flames spread too rapidly for the stable to be cleared.

Dit, owned by Arnold Hanger, had earned $87,956 in competition, including the Wood Memorial Stakes, Grey Lag, Sussex, and Continental Handicaps. He had finished third in the Edgemere Handicap the afternoon before his death. The list of horses lost follows, with the name of the owner in parenthesis:

Dit, b. g., 7, by Transmute—Ingrid, by *Crimper (Arnold Hanger).
Gig, br. c., 3, by War Admiral—Midvictorian, by Victorian (Arnold Hanger).
Faro Queen, ch. f., 3, by Case Ace—Winning Streak, by Chance Play (J. A. Mason).
Que Hora, b. c., 3, by Time Maker—Minxy, by *St. Germans (Robert Tulford).
Forayer, dk. gr. f., 3, by *Foray II—Rough Sea, by Sea Sick (Mrs. G. L. Harrison).
Rosairan, ch. f., 2, by *Hairan—Rosern, by Mad Hatter (John A. Bell, Jr.).
Organ Grinder, ch. c., 2, by Jean Valjean—Hand Organ, by *Strolling Player (A. J. Sackett).
Noonsight, ch. c., 2, by Sir Damion—Zenith, by *Pharamond II (Lt. Edward Lasker).
Rosebury, ch. c., 2, by Pilate—Winning Streak, by Chance Play (J. A. Mason).
Edifice, b. f., 2, by *Jacopo—Predestined, by Stimulus (E. B. Benjamin).
Now, b. f., 2, by Bold Venture—Stop Watch, by On Watch (King Ranch owner, Max Hirsch lessee).
Miss Flo, dk. b. f., 2, by *Jacopo—Frith, by *Wrack (John Watts).

Alex Barth Hits $100,000

AQUEDUCT HANDICAP, Aqueduct, Sept. 4, $10,000 added, 3-year-olds and up, 1 1-16 miles. Time, 1:45, track fast. Stakes division, $7,535, $2,000, $1,000, $500. Breeder's award (Coldstream Stud), $300.

Alex Barth, 4, 117, dk. b. g. by Chance Play—Joybird, by *Bull Dog (Millbrook Stable) ---------- 1
***Famous Victory**, 106, Hyperion—Quick Action (Greentree Stable) ---- 2
Tex Martin, 3, 104, *Lancegaye—Justa Sunbeam (W. S. Horne) ------ 3

Others, Waller 104, Strategic 107, Four Freedoms 113. Greentree Farm entry, *Famous Victory, Four Freedoms. Winning jockey, Ferril Zufelt. Trainer, J. Hastie.

After failing narrowly to win four $50,000 added handicaps this season, Alex Barth, a fortuitous $3,500 claim last year, has now succeeded, despite these costly defeats, in becoming a winner of more than $100,000. His victory in the Aqueduct Handicap brought his total earnings to $102,840, most of which was won for the Millbrook Stable and not while he was running under the name of Poacher for Mrs. Jack Howard. On Labor Day his 117 pounds was topweight of the field of six starters, including the Greentree Stable entry of *Famous Victory and Four Freedoms. The Chance Play gelding, an odds-on favorite at slightly over 1 to 2, followed close on Tex Martin's pace for a half-mile, moved up strongly on the outside in the stretch, finished over a length in front. Perhaps the strategy of the Greentree Stable was upset when Four Freedoms broke down after being a close third for a half-mile; *Famous Victory's closing rush netted only second place, a head in front of Tex Martin.

Alex Barth, has now started 33 times, won 12 races, finished second eight times, third five times. In addition to the Aqueduct, he has won the Excelsior, Yonkers, and Quaker City Handicaps this season, has earned $91,810 in 1944. He is Chance Play's second $100,000 winner (the other: Some Chance), Coldstream Stud's third (others: Plucky Play, Our Boots). His pedigree and family particulars appeared in THE BLOOD-HORSE of April 22, page 605.

Improvement at Aqueduct

BABYLON HANDICAP, Aqueduct, Sept. 6, $10,000 added, 2-year-olds, six furlongs. Time, 1:12⅕, track fast. Stakes division, $9,375, $2,000, $1,000, $500. Breeder's award (Brookmeade Stable), $300.

Sun Herod, 105 (Brookmeade Stable) ---------- 1
Trymenow, 115, Menow—Rambler Rose (Walter M. Jeffords) ---------- 2
Subdued, 113, Fighting Fox—*Humility (Lt. Ogden Phipps) ---------- 3

Others, Jeep 115, Buymeabond 115, Sir Francis 105, Bill Corum 110, Chief Barker 112. Winning jockey, R. Merritt.

In his first five starts this season, divided between Suffolk Downs and Belmont Park, Sun Herod was beaten off, though he was once a fairly close second to Bullium. Aqueduct's somewhat tricky turns must have been more to his fancy, for on September 4 he left the ranks of maidens and two days later attained the stature of a stakes winner. He was third choice in the betting, but he followed the early pace of Buymeabond, pushing the Bimelech colt until he quit, and then drew away to win by a length and a quarter. Trymenow got going too slowly to be much of a

Victory in the Aqueduct Handicap September 4 brought ALEX BARTH, son of Chance Play, into the class of $100,000 winners. He has run second in four $50,000 races this year. He is the second $100,000 winner to be sired by Chance Play, the third such winner bred by Coldstream Stud. Steve Brooks is the jockey.

Morgan Photo Service.

threat to the winner, but a bold rush in the stretch took him to second place, three-fourths of a length ahead of Subdued, which ran fairly well up throughout.

*Teddy	{ Ajax by Flying Fox—Amie { Rondeau by Bay Ronald—Doremi
SUN TEDDY (Chestnut, 1933)	
Sunmelia	{ *Sun Briar by Sundridge—*Sweet Briar II { Bromelia by Whisk Broom II—Savannah
SUN HEROD (Chestnut colt, 1942)	
Flag Pole	{ American Flag by Man o' War—*Lady Comfey { Broomotta by Broomstick—Sainotta
THE DAMSEL (Chestnut, 1935)	
*Queen Herod	{ Tetratema by The Tetrarch—Scotch Gift { Reine de Neige by Roi Herode—Snowflight (No. 16)

Brookmeade Stable, breeder and owner; H. L. Fontaine, trainer.

Sun Herod was foaled April 14, 1942, at Harrie B. Scott's Shandon Farm, Lexington, where his dam was being boarded during the breeding season. He has started seven times, won two races, finished second twice, third once, and has earned $12,180.

THE DAMSEL, unplaced in four starts, four foals. Winners, Royal Army, Our Damsel, Sun Herod (stakes, above). *QUEEN HEROD, placed twice in three starts, six foals. Winners, Psychic Bid ($58,000, including Sanford, Hopeful, Laurel Stakes, Scarsdale, Weybosset, Fall River Handicaps, sire), Guarded Queen (producer), Kingdom, Nutmeg Lass. Producers, The Damsel (above), Royal Venture (dam of Great Power, third in 1944 Hopeful Stakes). REINE DE NEIGE, winner Northern Stakes, six named foals. Winners, Snowcloud, Gallant and Gay, Dope King. Producers, *Queen Herod (above), Thamar, Sleigh Bell (dam of Air Bell, stakes winner in Argentina).

Steeplechaser by *Blenheim II

HARBOR HILL STEEPLECHASE, Belmont Park, Sept. 7, $5,000 added, 3-year-olds and up, about two miles. Time, 3:50⅘, track slow. Stakes division, $3,965, $1,000, $500, $250. Breeder's award (Mrs. Marion du Pont Scott), $150.

Ahmisk, 5, 134 (I. Bieber) 1
***Burma Road**, 135, Link Boy—Saucy Silver (Mrs. E. du Pont Weir) .. 2
Invader, 3, 139, Chance Play—Dormy (Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark) 3

Others, Greek Flag 135, Good Chance 136. Winning jockey, George Walker.

A jumping race unmarred by spills was the Harbor Hill. Jockey George Walker used waiting tactics on Ahmisk, by holding back the *Blenheim II gelding while Good Chance and Greek Flag alternated on the pace and Invader loped along third. When *Burma Road started moving up fast on the final turn, Ahmisk went with him and outgamed the imported gelding in the drive on the flat to score by a neck. Three lengths back was Invader. Good Chance, the favorite, made a bad jump at the tenth fence, slowed down thereafter.

Blandford	{ Swynford by John o' Gaunt—Canterbury Pilgrim { Blanche by White Eagle—Black Cherry
*BLENHEIM II (Brown, 1927)	
Malva	{ Charles O'Malley by Desmond—Goody Two-Shoes { Wild Arum by Robert le Diable—Marliacea
AHMISK (Bay gelding, 1939)	
Sardanapale	{ Prestige by Le Pompon—Orgueilleuse { Gemma by Florizel II—Agnostic
*LITTLE MUFF (Chestnut, 1924)	
Mimuf	{ Minoru by Cyllene—Mother Siegel { Muffins by Ladas—Merry Bell (No. 12 family)

Mrs. Marion du Pont Scott, breeder; Isadore Bieber, owner; Hirsch Jacobs, trainer.

Ahmisk was bred by Mrs. Marion du Pont Scott, whose estate, Montpelier, is near Orange, Va. He did not start at two, but at three he won a turf race on the flat and three jumping races. He has started 18 times, won six races, finished second twice, and has earned $9,775.

*LITTLE MUFF, winner Prix Yacowlef in France, ten foals. Winners, Sable Muff, Parapet, Manila Bay, Farragut (Thornton Stakes, 2½ miles on the flat, Battleship, Royal Mail Steeplechase Handicaps, also world's record for three miles), Jacket (brother to Ahmisk), Ahmisk (stakes, above). Producer, Inscrutable (dam of the stakes winner To A Tee). MIMUF, unraced, 12 foals. Winners, Birdseed (in England and South Africa), Tea Fight (in England and South Africa), Lismi (on flat and over jumps), Grand' Cour (on flat and over jumps). Producer, Croisade. MUFFINS, placed in England at three, seven named foals. Sent to Russia in 1905 and produced there Mamour, winner of the Russian Derby, and returned to England in 1912, where she produced Lively, winner, and Mimuf (producer, above).

Outsider's Edgemere

EDGEMERE HANDICAP. Aqueduct, Sept. 9, $15,000 added, 3-year-olds and up, 1⅛ miles. Time, 1:52, track fast. Stakes division, $10,940, $3,000, $1,500, $750. Breeder's award (Samuel D. Riddle), $450.

Strategic, 104 (Havahome Stable) ---------- 1
First Fiddle, 127, *Royal Minstrel—Rueful (Mrs. E. Mulrenan) ------ 2
Dit, 102, Transmute—Ingrid (Arnold Hanger) ---------- 3

Others, *Famous Victory, 108; Tex Martin, 3, 106. Winning jockey, F. Thacker.

In the small field for the Edgemere Handicap, the grey horse First Fiddle, winner of $120,000 in this season's competition, was made odds-on favorite. *Famous Victory was considered to have the best chance of bringing off an upset, and both Dit and Tex Martin were considered to have some little chance at the favorite. Overlooked almost entirely was Strategic, an erstwhile Class D performer, which went to the post the utter outsider at nearly 24 to 1.

Dit, which was to be lost in a fire at Belmont Park a few hours later, set the early pace with Tex Martin hard after him, First Fiddle waiting under his heavy impost in last place. The favorite began his move after about a half-mile, but moving with him went Strategic. It was First Fiddle, however, which got to Dit first, but in the last furlong he hung, and Strategic, never far away, came out and drew clear, winning by a length and a half. First Fiddle was four lengths ahead of Dit, which barely lasted to take third place from *Famous Victory.

Man o' War	{ Fair Play by Hastings—*Fairy Gold
	{ Mahubah by *Rock Sand—*Merry Token
AMERICAN FLAG (Chestnut, 1922)	
*Lady Comfey	{ Roi Herode by Le Samaritain—Roxelane
	{ Snoot by Perigord—N. R. A.
STRATEGIC (Brown gelding, 1940)	
*Light Brigade	{ Picton by Orvieto—Hecuba
	{ Bridge of Sighs by Isinglass—Santa Brigida
ARTIFICE (Bay, 1924)	
American Beauty	{ Uncle by *Star Shoot—The Niece
	{ Fair Catherine by Yankee—Saratoga Belle (No. 4)

S. D. Riddle, breeder; Havahome Stable, owner; S. Rutchick, trainer.

Strategic, foaled at Samuel D. Riddle's Faraway Farm, Lexington, on April 6, 1940, raced for his breeder until well into his 3-year-old season, winning the 1943 Survivor Stakes for him. As a 2-year-old he started once, finishing third, but at three and four he has made extended campaigns. In all he has started 42 times, won nine races, finished second twice, third nine times, and he has earned $32,165.

ARTIFICE, winner, 11 foals. Winners, Beauty Secret, Swinwood, Dark Light (first named Horatio Hugh), Miss Angelo, Muscatine, U-Boat (Worcester Handicap), War Hazard (Alabama Stakes), Navy Cruiser, Strategic (stakes, above). Producer, Bewildered. AMERICAN BEAUTY, unraced, eight foals. Winners, Punjab (Woodstock Plate), Artifice (producer, above), Wayfarer, Axenlad. Producer, Cosmetic. FAIR CATHERINE, raced twice unplaced, six foals. Winners, Fair Oaks, Jem. Producer, American Beauty (above).

*Longchamp II Wins Over Hurdles

BUSHWICK HURDLE HANDICAP. Aqueduct, Sept. 9, $4,000 added, 3-year-olds and up, about 1¾ miles. Time, 3:16⅕, track fast. Stakes division, $2,965, $800, $400, $200. Importer's award (R. K. Mellon), $120.

*Longchamp II, 137 (Richard K. Mellon) ---------- 1
Yankee Chance, 147, Peace Chance—Yankee Maid (John E. Sedlmayr) -- 2
Sunday Puzzle, 144, Questionnaire—Last Lay (Greentree Stable) ----- 3

Others, *Nordmeer 139. Winning jockey, John Magee.

With only three other horses to worry about, Jockey John Magee bided his time with *Longchamp II, let Sunday Puzzle and *Nordmeer battle for the lead, kept his mount well ahead of Yankee Chance during the early running. At the final fence the Greentree gelding made a wobbly jump, then began to tire. So did the favored *Nordmeer. *Longchamp II and Yankee Chance then had the race between them to the wire, and the Vatout gelding drew out steadily, to score by three lengths. Yankee Chance easily took the place by almost the same advantage over Sunday Puzzle.

Prince Chimay	{ Chaucer by St. Simon—Canterbury Pilgrim
	{ Gallorette by Gallinule—Orlet
VATOUT (Bay, 1926)	
Vasthi	{ Sans Souci II by Le Roi Soleil—Sanctimony
	{ Vaya by Beppo—Waterhen
*LONGCHAMP II (Chestnut gelding, 1935)	
Spearmint	{ Carbine by Musket—Mersey
	{ Maid of the Mint by Minting—Warble
SALLY SWITCH (Bay, 1924)	
Flying Sally	{ Flying Orb by Orby—Stella
	{ Salamandra by St. Frusquin—Electra (No. 19)

Leon Volterra, breeder (in France); Richard K. Mellon, owner; James E. Ryan, trainer.

*Longchamp II was bred in France, and was sent to England where at two he made one start, was unplaced. At three he made eight starts, was twice second (once in Summer Stakes at Chepstow) and third in the Autumn and Tudor Stakes; he also finished fourth in the Craven Stakes. At four he won five races from nine starts, including Pembroke Maiden Stakes and Wiltshire Handicap, and was once second, earned £743 in first monies. Prior to the racing of 1944 he had made only one start in this country, the Richard Peters Challenge Cup, run at the United Hunts meeting in 1940, which he won easily. This season he has made seven starts, won two races, finished second once, third once, and has earned $5,205.

SALLY SWITCH, raced twice at two, unplaced, nine foals. Winners, Dolly Daydream (in Norway), Hunting Crop (in England), *Longchamp II (stakes, above), Cassali (in France). FLYING SALLY, raced four times unplaced at two, 12 foals. Winners, Wings of Love (Granville Stakes, dam of stakes winner Spy-Ann), Woodcock (Lytham Stakes, also winner in India), Yankee Clipper, Epigram (Goodwood Stakes), Flying Thoughts (winner in France). Producers, Salmon Fly, Sally Switch (above). SALAMANDRA, winner, second in New Oaks, third in One Thousand Guineas. She was sold in 1920 for $80,000, then the record price for a broodmare. She produced 11 foals. Winners, Salmon-Trout (St. Leger, and sire in England and South Africa), Sagacity, Star of Destiny, Manhattan, St. George, Wyvern, Salamalik (Hopeful Stakes). Sire, Salmagundi (in Australia). Producers, Flying Sally (above), Devon Lass.

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Flood Town Waits for 1945

Flood Town, winner of the Juvenile and National Stallion Stakes at Belmont Park this season, is to be taken out of training to await 1945 racing, according to an announcement by Naval Lt. Edward J. Lasker, his owner, after the colt ran second on Labor Day in the Walt Whitman Stakes at Garden State Park. The bay son of Johnstown—Apogee, by *Pharamond II, was bred at Hal Price Headley's Beaumont Farm and sold privately to Lieutenant Lasker. In ten starts this year he won four straight races on the Widener Course at Belmont Park, ran second three times, third once, and earned $30,035.

ILLINOIS

Shift to Hawthorne

THE 30-day Washington Park meeting ended with the racing of September 7, and on the following day the Illinois racing scene moved to Hawthorne, which began a 34-day meeting. Labor Day at Washington Park drew a crowd of more than 40,000, and through the totalizators went a record-breaking $1,921,939. This and the following three days of racing brought the betting total of the meeting to $28,119,979, or a daily average of $937,332. This was a little below Arlington Park's average of $961,986 this season, but it was well ahead of Washington Park's $643,933 average of 1943.

At Hawthorne the first Saturday went past $1,000,000, and for the first two days the total was $1,796,501.

The Washington Park Handicap, last of the rich races of the Chicago season, was won by Equifox, with his stablemate Daily Trouble in second place, the entry being a strongly backed second choice. The final stakes event of the Washington Park meeting, the Modesty Handicap for fillies and mares on September 6, was something more of a surprise, the winner being the 17-to-1 Gold Princess, bred, owned, and trained by D. V. McClure.

There was no stakes event at Hawthorne on opening day, the feature being a $2,500 overnight handicap. This was won smartly by C. U. Yeager's Son of Peace, a bargain claim from Calumet Farm. On the Saturday the Hawthorne Speed Handicap, with $7,500 added, was the occasion of an expected victory by Woolford Farm's 6-year-old sprinter Signator, by Insco. Biggest surprise of the day came in the maiden event which was the second race of the day; this went to T. Root's Sun Sport, by Sun Hatter, at 86 to 1, and gave a few scattered patrons a daily double of $1,472.80 for a $2 ticket.

Equipoise's Fourth $100,000 Winner

WASHINGTON PARK HANDICAP. Washington Park, Sept. 4, $50,000 added, 3-year-olds and up, 1¼ miles. Time, 2:03, track fast. Stakes division, $40,700, $10,000, $5,000, $2,500.

Equifox, 113 (Howard Wells) 1
Daily Trouble, 104½, Psychic Bid—Black Crystal (David Straus) 2
Some Chance, 109, Chance Play—Some Pomp (A. S. Hewitt) 3

Others, Welcome Pass, 108; Sirde, 3, 113; Pensive, 3, 109; Take Wing, 100; Traffic Court, 111; Valley Flares, 3, 104. Howard Wells and David Straus entry, Equifox and Daily Trouble. Winning jockey, Al Bodiou.

Trainer Howard Wells told Jockey J. W. Martin to take Daily Trouble to the front, set a fast pace, keep him going as long as he could; then he told Al Bodiou to keep Equifox back, not to move with him until nearing the stretch.

How successfully these orders were observed was indicated in the result of the Washington Park Handicap. Daily Trouble opened a wide lead of five or six lengths going into the first turn, which he maintained most of the way down the backside, only to have it shortened as he neared the stretch, but he had done the job for his stablemate. Equifox moved slowly but steadily on the leaders until the final turn, where he first picked off Sirde, then Some Chance, and finally Daily Trouble, to win drawing out by several lengths. Daily Trouble saved the place by a length from Some Chance, which had been closest to him for the first mile and a furlong. Welcome Pass, the property of J. J. L. Powers, was last away and missed third money by a neck. Calumet Farm's Pensive was a slight favorite over the entry, but the Derby and Preakness winner was never closer than sixth or seventh all the way. It was announced later that Pensive would be taken out of training for the year. Sirde, third choice, gave way after running third for a mile. The pay-off on the entry was $7.40, $6.40, $4.00. Although the time of 2:03 was a second off the track mark, it was only three-fifths of a second slower than Marriage's stakes mark set in 1942. And, incidentally, it was the first time the stakes had a $50,000 added value.

Pennant { Peter Pan by Commando—*Cinderella
Pennant { *Royal Rose by Royal Hampton—*Belle Rose
EQUIPOISE (Chestnut, 1928)

Swinging { Broomstick by Ben Brush—*Elf
Swinging { *Balancoire II by *Meddler—*Ballantrae
EQUIFOX (Bay gelding, 1937)

*Mount Beacon { Mount William by General Symons—Prized
*Mount Beacon { Soldier's Breeze by Beppo—Ether
CATHERINE FOX (Brown, 1929)

For Keeps { *Atheling II by Desmond—Wood Daisy
For Keeps { Roselawn by Orsini—*Castle Hill (No. 1 family)

Howard Wells, breeder, owner, and trainer.

Equifox, foaled April 19, 1937, at Howard Oots' Fayette Farm, Lexington, won at two and three, but did not show stakes caliber until 1941, when he won the Lincoln, Arlington, and Equipoise Mile Handicaps. In 1942 he accounted for the La Salle and Lincoln Handicaps, then was absent from racing last year. Until the Washington Park Handicap he had won four races this season, had finished second in the La Salle, third in the Lincoln, second to Georgie Drum in the Stars and Stripes Handicap. Altogether he has started 53 times, won 18 races, second seven times, third six times. His victory Labor Day brought his earnings to $106,410, thus making him the fourth foal of the dead Equipoise to win over $100,000. The others are Shut Out, Attention, and Bolingbroke. The winnings of Equipoise's foals are now over $1,100,000, for an earnings average of more than $15,000 per foal from his four seasons at stud. His earnings-per-foal average was already the highest in history.

CATHERINE FOX, winner 11 races, placed in stakes, five foals. Winners, Foxster (eight seasons), Molida (12 wins), Equifox (stakes, above), Hi Sty. FOR KEEPS, placed, 15 foals. Winners, Rhubarb, General Keeps, Catherine Fox (producer, above), Edith A. (dam of Riverland), Mount Lookout, Mount Echo, Rocky Road, Hi-Fella, Keep Bright. Producer, Inspiration. ROSELAWN, unraced, eight foals. Winners, Westwood (Fort Erie, Metropole Handicaps, sire), Woodrose (producer), Shady Nook (producer), Melachrino (Tia Juana Futurity). Producer, For Keeps (above). Of her other three foals, two were twins; only one lived.

Unexpected Victory

MODESTY HANDICAP. Washington Park, Sept. 6, $15,000 added, 3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares, one mile. Time, 1:39⅖, track sloppy. Stakes division, $10,850, $3,000, $2,000, $1,000.

Gold Princess, 110 (D. V. McClure) 1
Night Shadow, 112, *Man O'Night—Tweeny (Mrs. R. McGarvey) 2
Happy Issue, 112, Bow to Me—Achieve (Happy Stable) 3

Others, Big Push, 3, 104; Silvestra, 106; Rosy Brand, 105; Mar-Kell, 117; Letmenow, 3, 105. Winning jockey, J. Higley.

Before the running of the Modesty Handicap, Gold Princess would have been classified as a useful horse rather than a stakes performer, though she had won the minor Autumn Handicap at Churchill Downs as a 3-year-old. But what a useful horse means in these days of high purses is indicated by the fact that in her racing up to that

event she had earned almost $40,000, a sum which would have been unthinkable in overnight events even ten years ago.

Overlooked at nearly 17 to 1, Gold Princess sprinted away through the slop and built up a lead which the others proved unable to threaten. Mar-Kell, the favorite, was never prominent. The second choice, Night Shadow, made a chase of it from the beginning, but was beaten three lengths with the winner ridden out. Happy Issue, close up all the way, was another length away third.

Peter Pan	Commando by Domino—Emma C.
	*Cinderella by Hermit—Mazurka
PRINCE PAN (Chestnut, 1923)	
Annagh	Broomstick by Ben Brush—*Elf
	Ethel Lee by *Whistle Jacket—Marmora
GOLD PRINCESS (Chestnut mare, 1939)	
Ormesdale	Ormondale by *Ormonde—*Santa Bella
	Madchen by *Knight of the Thistle—Gretchen
GOLD NUGGET (Chestnut, 1923)	
Our Nugget	Ornament by *Order—Victorine
	Ollie Belle by *Charaxus—Ada Belle (No. 5)

D. V. McClure, breeder, owner, and trainer.

Gold Princess, bred by D. V. McClure of Edmond, Okla., was foaled March 28, 1939. She has started 58 times, won 20 races, finished second eleven times, third five times, and has earned $50,325.

GOLD NUGGET, unraced, four foals. Winners, Prince Braemar, Gold Princess (stakes, above), Society Lady. OUR NUGGET, winner 21 races, two foals. Producer, Gold Nugget (above). OLLIE BELLE, unplaced, ten foals. Winners, Beaucoup (Adirondack, Delaware Handicaps, Catskill Selling, Garden City Selling, Myrtle Selling, Champlain Stakes), Pimpante, Our Nugget (producer, above), Coreopsis, Pelieco, Buford (22 wins, including Havana Thanksgiving Handicap), War Smoke, Skyscraper, Heremon.

Victory for a Veteran

HAWTHORNE SPEED HANDICAP. Hawthorne, Sept. 9. $7,500 added, 3-year-olds and up, six furlongs. Time, 1:11⅗, track fast. Stakes division, $6,225, $1,500, $750, $350.

Signator, 116 (Woolford Farm)	1
Sirius, 3, 113, Diavolo—Starry Heavens (Mrs. V. E. Smith)	2
Roman Sox, 112, Roman Soldier—Sox (Brolite Farm)	3

Others, Harriet Sue, 3, 116; Espino Gold, 7, 109; Holdall, 3, 111; Bright Willie, 109. Winning jockey, Leon Haas.

For several years Signator had been one of the top sprinters around Chicago, but this season the handsome chestnut son of Insco had to wait until the Hawthorne meeting before winning a 1944 stakes. Always early out of the gate, Signator forced the fast pace set by Roman Sox, had to be taken back when the Roman Soldier mare crowded him on the turn, but moved to the outside in the stretch and drew out by almost a length to hold off the fast-closing Sirius. The latter, one of three 3-year-olds in the handicap, came fast through the stretch after being close to the pace all the way, and headed the tiring Roman Sox a length and one-half at the end. Harriet Sue, one of Bull Lea's sturdy daughters and winner of the Ashland Stakes (Churchill Downs) and Arlington Matron Handicap this season, was third in the early running, but Sirius soon went by her, and in the stretch she could not quite reach Roman Sox for the show award. The first four horses finished in order of public preference.

*Sir Gallahad III	*Teddy by Ajax—Rondeau
	Plucky Liege by Spearmint—Concertina
INSCO (Bay, 1928)	
*Starflight	Sunstar by Sundridge—Doris
	Angelic by St. Angelo—Fota
SIGNATOR (Chestnut colt, 1938)	
Supremus	Ultimus by Commando—Running Stream
	*Mandy Hamilton by John o' Gaunt—My Sweetheart
GREEN LEAF (Bay, 1929)	
Bright Leaf	Bulse by Disguise—Nethersole
	Triad by *Star Shoot—Thirty-third (No. 10)

Herbert M. Woolf, breeder; Woolford Farm, owner; Ross O. Higdon, trainer.

Signator, foaled April 4, 1938, at Herbert M. Woolf's farm in Kansas, has started 59 times, won 18 races, finished second 12 times, third eight times, and has earned $68,855. He did not win a stakes until a 4-year-old, when he was first in the Crete, Clang and Lakeside Handicaps. At five he repeated in the Crete and the Clang and also won the Northwestern, Chicago, Homewood Handicaps. Previously this year he had won an overnight handicap at Hialeah Park and one at Jamaica.

GREEN LEAF, unplaced, four foals. Winners, Rifted Clouds (Washington Park Juvenile Stakes), Sherron Ann, Mixed Emotions, Signator (stakes, above), all by Insco. BRIGHT LEAF, winner, eight foals. Winners, Brown Leaf (24 wins), Fugitive (through the field), Ripfield, Conservator, Lord Autumn. TRIAD, winner, nine foals. Winners, Bright Leaf (producer, above), Wilkes-Barre (placed in stakes), Southern Pacific, Miami Triad, Lady Louise (producer), Bobby Folsom, Triassic, Imperial Betsy.

CALIFORNIA

Dates, Again

FALL and winter dates for Santa Anita and Hollywood Parks were granted September 9 by the California Horse Racing Board, though licenses have not yet been issued to the tracks, pending examination of their plans for war relief and charity programs. Hollywood Park has been given a 34-day meeting opening November 1 and running through December 16. Santa Anita Park is to open December 30 and run through March 13, with a total of 55 racing days.

Also on September 9 the U. S. Army formally turned the Santa Anita track back to its owners, under a settlement which will not require army authorities to put the track back in its original condition, but provides for a lump payment of about $1,500,000 instead. Dr. Charles Strub, visiting in the East, announced that the stakes program would equal, if not excel, that of the 1940-1941 season.

Hollywood Park was granted dates earlier this year, but did not hold a meeting after War Manpower Commission officials objected strenuously. It is understood that the WMC and West Coast military authorities have unofficially approved the coming meetings.

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Hunter's Moon in Brazil

The 18-year-old stallion Hunter's Moon, half-brother to *Sickle, *Pharamond II, and the great English sire Hyperion, was purchased this year by the Brazilian breeders Roberto and Nelson Seabra for 60,000 Argentine pesos (about $15,000). Hunter's Moon, by Hurry On out of the high-class racer and great producer Selene, by Chaucer, was a good stakes winner as a 3-year-old in England, and was sold the same year (1929) to go to Argentina, where he had a very successful stud career.

MARYLAND

Laurel Park

SINCE the transportation situation became serious, all of Maryland's major racing has been at accessible Pimlico, but the fall season opened at Laurel Park, about half-way between Washington and Baltimore. It was an immediate success; on opening day the crowd was estimated at 25,000, and betting ran to $876,516. This was of course the Labor Day crowd, and business was not as good later in the week, but even so the six-day total turnover was $3,177,582, a daily average of $529,764. There is no solid basis for comparison to previous seasons; there was no racing at Laurel Park last year, and in 1942 the wartime boom in racing was not in full swing. The 1942 Laurel Park average was $399,562.

The Capital Handicap, won by Mrs. Ames, and the Eastern Shore Handicap, won unexpectedly by Bobanet, were the principal events of the first week. Fields were fairly good but not as full as they might have been. With the end of the Garden State Park meeting September 9 Laurel Park was expected to attract additional horses.

Next to the actual racing, interest at Laurel Park during the first week centered on 17-year-old Len Bowers. The Idaho jockey rode four winners on opening day, September 4, and on the following day did it again. On the third day he had four mounts, got two seconds and two thirds. On September 7 he rode four winners for the third time in four days, was blanked for the rest of the week.

The Maryland schedule calls for 50 days of racing at Laurel Park, and thereafter the scene shifts to Pimlico, which will end the Maryland season with 22 days of racing. Bowie and Havre de Grace will not open; they have a share in the other meetings, however, and their fixtures will be renewed there.

Mrs. Ames' First 1944 Stakes

CAPITAL HANDICAP, Laurel Park, Sept. 4, $10,000 added, 3-year-olds and up, six furlongs. Time, 1:13, track fast. Stakes division, $7,650, $2,000, $1,000, $500.

Mrs. Ames, 3, 108 (Longchamps Farm) 1
Challamore, 112, *Challenger II—Con Amore (E. C. Eastwood) 2
Sollure, 126, *Soleil du Midi—Luress (H. G. Bedwell) 3

Others, Best Reward 119, Layaway 106, Hornbeam 105, Cassis 121. Longchamps Farm-Howe Stable entry, Mrs. Ames and Cassis. Winning jockey, Nick Wall.

When she won the Fashion, National Stallion, and Astoria Stakes in her first three starts last year, Mrs. Ames was regarded as just about the most precocious 2-year-old in the East. This season, though she had won three races out of nine starts, the daughter of Johnstown did not triumph in a stakes until she met six older horses in the Capital Handicap at Laurel Park on opening day. Carrying 14 pounds below scale weight, she began a duel with Challamore right at the break, streaked around the turn with him lapped on her, then appeared to carry him out somewhat at the head of the stretch. Tommy Luther quickly straightened out the old *Challenger II gelding, and it seemed for a moment that he might overtake Mrs. Ames, but she stood the drive to score by a neck. Sollure, topweight of the field, held on to third position, but was five lengths behind the leaders at the end. H. G. Bedwell, who saddled Sollure for the race, had previously sent out four winners, including the daily double combination of Coverdale and Fogoso. In the Capital, Mrs. Ames, coupled with Cassis in the betting, was favorite, paying $4.90. Her stablemate trailed throughout the race.

Jamestown	{ St. James by *Ambassador IV—*Bobolink II { Mlle. Dazie by Fair Play—Toggery
JOHNSTOWN (Bay, 1936)	
La France	{ *Sir Gallahad III by *Teddy—Plucky Liege { *Flambette by *Durbar II—*La Flambee
MRS. AMES (Bay filly, 1941)	
Stimulus	{ Ultimus by Commando—Running Stream { Hurakan by Uncle—The Hoyden
CATALYSIS (Chestnut, 1935)	
*Catalpa	{ Tracery by *Rock Sand—*Topiary { *Cattish by Melton—Spiteful (No. 1 family)

A. B. Hancock, breeder; Longchamps Farm, owner; P. M. Burch, trainer.

Mrs. Ames, foaled March 27, 1941, at Arthur B. Hancock's Claiborne Stud, Paris, Ky., was the first winner from her sire's first crop to reach the races last year; she was also the first foal of her stakes-winning dam, Catalysis, which also had won the Fashion Stakes. At the 1942 Saratoga vendue she was sold to Henry Lustig's Longchamps Farm for $2,300, the fourth highest price of the fillies in the Hancock consignment. At two she started ten times, won three races (the Fashion, National Stallion and Astoria Stakes), was second four times, third once. She earned $30,470 in 1943. This year she has also started ten times, won four races (including the Capital Handicap), has been second twice, third once. In all she has started 20 times, won seven races, finished second six times, third twice, and has earned $47,710.

CATALYSIS, winner Belmont Park Fashion Stakes, Hialeah Nursery Stakes, second in Belmont Park Juvenile, National Stallion Stakes, Hialeah Juvenile Championship, third in Acorn Stakes, two foals. Winner, Mrs. Ames (stakes, above). *CATALPA, unraced, 10 foals. Winners, Catalan (stakes winner 19 races and $52,295, sire), Claptrap (sire), Bagatelle, Best Play (Grand National, North American Steeplechases), The Pelican (31 races, also second in National Stallion Stakes), Drinkwater (six seasons), Panicle (producer), Catalysis (stakes, producer, above). Producer, Catnip. *CATTISH (raced as Melton Regina), winner Hardwicke Stakes, Midland Nursery Handicap, five foals. Winner, Thomas Paine. Producers, *Catspaw (dam of three winners), *Catalpa (above), Cats-Eye. Her other foal was Cattewater, second in Fitzwilliam Stakes at two, later sent to Brazil.

Newcomer to the Top Flight

EASTERN SHORE HANDICAP, Laurel Park, Sept. 9, $10,000 added, 2-year-olds, six furlongs. Time, 1:15⅗, track fast. Stakes division, $8,200, $2,000, $1,000, $500.

Bobanet, 126 (Bobanet Stable) 1
The Doge, 119, *Bull Dog—My Auntie (Pentagon Stable) 2
British Buddy, 115, Pilate—Nell McDonald (Max Wexler) 3

Others, Tiny Tackle 113, Bright Scholar 111. Winning jockey, Shelby Clark.

When Bobanet was assigned top weight of 126 pounds for the Eastern Shore, following his smart triumph over Flood Town and other more favored performers in the Walt Whitman Stakes on Labor Day at Garden State Park (see page 387), the horse players at Laurel Park ignored this appraisal, and sent the *Cohort colt postward third choice, at 4 to 1. In the five-horse field also was The Doge, Sanford Stakes winner, which had just turned in a sharp performance at the Maryland course and was getting a seven-pound concession; he went to the post odds-on, with British Buddy second choice.

That he could handle his impost Bobanet quickly proved. Again, as in the Walt Whitman, he

went out at once to force the pace. In the New Jersey stakes his quarry had been Flood Town, but this time it was F. W. Hooper's Tiny Tackle, which bore out on the turn and eliminated himself. Bobanet then ducked to the inside, drew clear in the stretch by several lengths and held The Doge off by three-fourths of a length at the end. The Pentagon Stable colt finished four lengths ahead of the slow-breaking British Buddy. After the race Jack Westrope, rider of The Doge, raised the objection that Bobanet did not keep a straight course entering the stretch, but it was not allowed by the stewards. The official time of 1:15⅗ (it was 1:15 flat according to clockers for *Daily Racing Form*), was in keeping with the extremely slow condition of the Laurel Park course. Even when the track is "fast," most of the six-furlong races take from 1:15 to 1:17.

	Grand Parade	Orby by Orme—Rhoda B.
		Grand Geraldine by Desmond—Grand Marnier
*COHORT (Bay, 1925)		
	Tetrabbazia	The Tetrarch by Roi Herode—Vahren
		Abbazia by Isinglass—Mrs. Butterwick
BOBANET (Bay colt, 1942)		
	*North Star III	Sunstar by Sundridge—Doris
		Angelic by St. Angelo—Fota
FLYING PENNANT (Chestnut, 1924)		
	True Flier	Pennant by Peter Pan—*Royal Rose
		Ruth Law by Broomstick—*First Flight (No. 3)

J. Berry Davis, breeder; Bobanet Stable, owner; Albert Dunne, trainer.

Bobanet was foaled March 15, 1942, at the recently named Treeview Farm of J. Berry Davis (brother of *Cohort's owner) in Bourbon County, Kentucky. He was offered in the Lexington Fall Sales last November, went to Bobanet Stable for $4,100, one of the highest prices of the sales. The yearling was so promising that he was given the name of the stable, Bobanet, which was contrived by combining the names of Robert Bruce Livie's son, Bob, and wife, Annette. Mr. Livie (pronounced Libby), president of the Liberty Motors Company, Baltimore, has had gratifying success in his sporting venture. Last fall, at the Churchill Downs meeting, he purchased from Mrs. Thelma Ott, of Louisville, the 2-year-old Gay Bit, which had won seven successive races at the time and which later at New Orleans won two overnight handicaps and finished second in the Louisiana Derby. Bobanet has now proved himself a colt of high class; he has started eight times, won five races, finished third once, and earned $39,340.

FLYING PENNANT, raced unplaced at two, eight foals. Winners, Flying Watch, Mad Dash, Flying Lancer, Hermina B., Scot's Bill, Bobanet (stakes, above). Producer, Pennant Girl (dam of stakes winners Roman Flag, Black Badge). TRUE FLIER, winner Cuba Juvenile, Suffolk Stakes, 14 foals. Winners, War Flier, George Jessel, Fly Guy, Swift and True (Lake Shore, Crystal Lake Stakes, winner in England), Flying Girl (producer), Coflier, Midnight Flver (producer), Waller (Queens County, Excelsior Handicaps), Sky Soldier. Producers, Flying Pennant (above), Flying Dove. RUTH LAW, winner, 13 foals. Winners, Fly High, True Flier (stakes winner, producer, above), Dauntless (producer, grandam of Rudie), Lawless, Croyden (Pimlico Serial, Laurel Stakes, Jerome, Manhattan Handicaps), Byrd (Delaware Handicap, sire), Crasher, Zoom, Crazy Coot (National Stallion Stakes), Loop, Gyro (Mardi Gras, Dempsey Memorial, Pontchartrain Handicaps), Lawless Lady (producer), Pitter Pat (Flash Stakes).

To the Lexington Fall Sales, beginning November 13, Mr. Davis has consigned a weanling sister to Bobanet. "She's the best thing her dam has had," he says.

NEW JERSEY

Garden State Park

THE third meeting at Garden State Park closed September 9 after 50 days of racing, the meeting being the most successful yet at the Camden track. Except for the closing week, including Labor Day, the track operates on a five-day week, and of course the final week was the best of the meeting, betting running to $8,463,623. For the entire 50 days, the total was $58,214,071, making a daily average of $1,164,281. This does not compare with New York's towering figures, but it is the highest ever registered elsewhere, and represents an increase of more than 50 per cent over last year, when the daily average was $720,370 for a meeting of similar length. Attendance averaged more than 13,000 daily, and broke previous records at the track.

Leading stable at the meeting, ranked by the number of its winners, was that conducted by Claude Feltner, which furnished 17 winners. Royal Roberts was next among the trainers, with 14 winners.

Kenneth Scawthorn was an easy winner of the jockey honors. Though Bobby Permane was the riding sensation of closing day, with four winners, Scawthorn led for the meeting with a total of 52 winners. Buddy Root was the runner-up with 26 winners.

On closing day, in addition to the Vineland Handicap, three allowance events were run. A Grade D sprint was taken by A. T. Simmons' Eire, by Hard Tack, and the Simmons stable got a double by taking the Sydenham Purse, for 2-year-olds, with Talmadge, by Tintagel. The other allowance race was a one-mile event in Grade D, the winner being G. R. Watkins' Nippy, by *Blenheim II.

Bobanet Conquers Flood Town

WALT WHITMAN STAKES. Garden State Park, Sept. 4, $20,000 added, 2-year-olds, six furlongs. Time, 1:11⅘, track fast. Stakes division, $25,100, $4,000, $2,000, $1,000.

Bobanet, 117 (Bobanet Stable)	1
Flood Town, 122, Johnstown—Apogee (Lt. Edward J. Lasker)	2
Alexis, 119, *Heliopolis—Misleading (Christiana Stables)	3

Others, Frere Jacques 117, British Buddy 117, Dockstader 119, Paper Mill 117, Brookfield 114, Sole Parate 119, Belwyn 114, Freddie's Pal 117, Forward 117. George D. Widener and Fitz Eugene Dixon, Jr., entry, Frere Jacques and Sole Parate. Winning jockey, Shelby Clark.

The large crowd attending Garden State Park on Labor Day had the perplexing problem of trying to pick the winner from a sharp field of 12 in the Walt Whitman Stakes. With five of them already victorious in stakes—Flood Town (Juvenile, National Stallion), Alexis (William Penn), Sole Parate (Dover), Paper Mill (Newport), Dockstader (Pimlico Nursery)—it was perhaps natural for the crowd to focus its attention on these juveniles and overlook Bobanet, which went to the post at 30 to 1.

Flood Town and Bobanet pounded out of the gate head-and-head to begin a pace-setting duel (:22⅖ for the quarter, :45⅗ for the half) which lasted until within a few yards of the finish. At this point Flood Town weakened a little and the *Cohort colt drove past him to win by a neck.

Most of the others to finish close up met with crowding. Alexis, which had to shoulder his way between horses and go to the outside for racing room in the stretch, was only a length behind Flood Town at the end. Frere Jacques, favorite

in the betting with his stablemate, Sole Parate, was blocked in the stretch after breaking last. Paper Mill and Sole Parate were prominent earlier in the contest. Chief casualty of the race was Mrs. Walter M. Jeffords' Forward, a homebred gelding by Halcyon—Allez Vite, by Man o' War, and winner of two out of six starts this year. He was cut down in the race, later destroyed.

Jockey Warren Mehrtens, who rode Flood Town, put in an objection, but it was quickly disallowed. For Jockey Shelby Clark the official decision was most gratifying. Bruce Livie, owner of the Bobanet Stable, presented to the rider a $100 straight and a $100 show ticket on the winner, redeemable for $3,685.

On the following Saturday Bobanet won the Eastern Shore Handicap at Laurel Park. For pedigree and notes see page 387.

Strategy Misses Fire

VINELAND HANDICAP. Garden State Park, Sept. 9, $15,000 added, 3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares, 1 1-16 miles. Time, 1:44, track fast. Stakes division, $13,650, $2,500, $1,500, $1,000.

Good Morning, 4, 117, br. f. by *Sir Gallahad III—Morning, by American Flag (Cain Hoy Stable) ---------- 1
Mrs. Ames, 3, 113, Johnstown—Catalysis (Longchamps Farm) ---------- 2
Donitas First, 3, 109, Reaping Reward—Donita M. (Longchamps Farm) 3

Others, Green Apples, 106; Plucky Maud, 3, 113; Blue Sash, 3, 105; Gondolina, 109; Dense Path, 114. Longchamps Farm entry. Mrs. Ames and Donitas First. Winning jockey, Don Meade. Trainer, J. McPherson.

Good Morning, which had the distinction of an even break for the year with Whirlabout in two meetings, was odds-on favorite for the Vineland, and she landed the odds. It was more the fortunes of racing, however, than her own performance which brought her victory, and after the race most observers thought Donitas First, which finished third, would have been the winner with a little better luck. The entry evidently attempted the old but dependable strategy of sending one filly out to make a fast pace, with the other waiting to run at the end. Mrs. Ames broke fast and took the lead, with Good Morning just a length behind her. Donitas First was allowed to gallop along behind the field, easing forward a little during the run down the back stretch.

In front Mrs. Ames was doing her work well, but when Nick Wall started forward with her stablemate he found himself shut off. There was nothing for Wall to do but go to the outside, at a loss of ground, and when he got Donitas First set for the drive he was too late. Mrs. Ames, left with the task of holding the favorite, ran stoutly under strong handling, and made a battle of it to the finish. She was not quite good enough, however, and Good Morning beat her a head. Donitas First, meanwhile, was running over her field, closing some three lengths on the leaders in the last furlong, but she had been delayed for a few precious seconds in making her run, and she finished a length and a half behind her stablemate. Green Apples held on fairly well all the way, and the others were never dangerous.

Good Morning, a $3,800 yearling purchase at Saratoga, won the Matron Stakes at two, and this year beat Whirlabout and others for the Hannah Dustin Handicap, though Whirlabout avenged herself a month later in the Diana Handicap at the Saratoga meeting. In all Good Morning has started 29 times, won eight races, finished second six times, third four times, and has earned $61,295. Her pedigree and family particulars appeared in THE BLOOD-HORSE of July 22, page 137.

RHODE ISLAND

Narragansett Park

PREVIOUS records in New England were broken at Narragansett Park on Labor Day, when $1,646,608 went through the totalizator, the previous record being the $1,543,879 bet at Narragansett on Labor Day last year. The figure, however, represents a nine-race card. For the week the betting was $5,383,741, a daily average of $589,290, and for the 24 days the meeting has operated, the total is $18,829,998, a daily average of $784,999. This, though ahead of last year's figures at Narragansett Park, is well behind the $861,902 average set at Suffolk Downs this year.

The Labor Day program had the New England Oaks for its feature, this furnishing another triumph for Louis B. Mayer's Whirlabout, which carried top weight and won handily. A $3,000 overnight event for 3-year-olds, supporting the stakes event, went to the outsider Linwood Jim, by Jean Bart, racing for Miss Jean Beattie.

The James C. Thornton Memorial Handicap, at six furlongs, was the attraction on September 9, and it went to Miss Constance Jelm's favored Zaca Gray, by Zacaweista. Texas Sandman, a *Shifting Sands II colt which is a stakes winner at the meeting, won an allowance race at 1 1/16 miles, beating *Paperboy a length.

An Oaks for Whirlabout

NEW ENGLAND OAKS. Narragansett Park, Sept. 4, $10,000 added, 3-year-old fillies, 1 1-16 miles. Time, 1:46, track fast. Stakes division, $8,340, $2,000, $1,000, $500. Breeder's award (Arthur B. Hancock), $300.

Whirlabout, 121, b. f. by Pompey—Lost Horizon, by *Sir Gallahad III (L. B. Mayer) ---------- 1
Plucky Maud, 116, *Sir Gallahad III—Maud Muller (Lazy F Ranch) -- 2
Blue Sash, 116, Granville—Princess Alice (O. S. Jennings) ---------- 3

Others, Evelyn Rolls 116, Entertainment 116, Sickle Sun 116. Winning jockey, H. Lindberg. Trainer, G. M. Odom.

It was strictly a carefree outing for Whirlabout in the New England Oaks. Favorite at 2 to 5, she went out alertly from her inside post position with a two-length lead, which she maintained except when challenged mildly by Plucky Maud near the furlong pole. But she quickly disposed of her opponent, drew out by a length and one-half. The runner-up did not have her best foot forward at the start, but was soon chasing the leader and retained her place position from the slow-breaking Blue Sash. Evelyn Rolls appeared prominently until the final furlong.

If she continues at her current pace, Whirlabout should close the season winner of more than $100,000. Her victory in the Oaks has increased her earnings to $89,940, of which $62,180 was acquired this year. She has started 27 times, won 11 races, finished second eight times, third three times. Her pedigree and family particulars appeared in THE BLOOD-HORSE of July 1, page 7.

Zaca Gray Wins

JAMES C. THORNTON MEMORIAL HANDICAP. Narragansett Park, Sept. 9, $5,000 added, 3-year-olds and up, six furlongs. Time, 1:10 4/5, track fast. Stakes division, $4,190, $1,000, $500, $250. Breeder's award (Mrs. Phil T. Chinn), $150.

Zaca Gray, 113 (Miss C. O. Jelm) ---------- 1
Johnny Jr., 110, Jock—Neglect (E. J. Daily) ---------- 2
Valdina Craft, 3, 108, Questionnaire—Furtive (Bay Cove Farm) ----- 3

Others, Ogham, 3, 110; Defense, 112. Winning jockey, Hubert Trent.

The California climate seemed to agree with Zaca Gray this summer, for she won three

straight sprints at Bay Meadows, then came on to the Empire City-at-Jamaica meeting for one victorious start, but during the Saratoga-at-Belmont session she could not quite score. Her first start at Narragansett on Saturday, though, was just a romp, with first Johnny Jr., and then Ogham trying to catch her. Johnny Jr. got to within a length and a half of the Zacaweista mare at the furlong-pole, but she added another length to her margin at the finish. Ogham slowed down in the stretch, permitting Valdina Craft to come from last place and finish two and one-half lengths behind the runner-up. Top-weight of the field and favorite in the betting, Zaca Gray's time was within three-fifths of a second of the track mark.

High Time	{ Ultimus by Commando—Running Stream { Noonday by Domino—*Sundown
ZACAWEISTA (Black, 1926)	
*Lucrative	{ Mordant by War Dance—Magdala { St. Lucre by St. Serf—*Fairy Gold
ZACA GRAY (Grey mare, 1939)	
*Porte Drapeau	{ Sunstar by Sundridge—Doris { Bright Cherry by Ayrshire—Cerisette
GRAY PORTE (Grey, 1931)	
*Tetrance	{ The Tetrarch by Roi Herode—Vahren { *Day Dream II by Mushroom—Bookmuslin (No. 16)

Mrs. Phil T. Chinn, breeder; Miss C. O. Jelm, owner; Hack Ross, trainer.

Zaca Gray was foaled March 20, 1939, at Col. Phil T. Chinn's Old Hickory Farm, Lexington, and was sold for $900 at the Saratoga sales of 1940. Later acquired by Mrs. Anthony Pelleteri, she won her only start at two; then at three she won the Colonial Handicap at Garden State Park, beating Crispin Oglebay's Level Best. Altogether she has started 39 times, won 13 races, finished second eight times, third four times, and has earned $29,080.

GRAY PORTE, winner, three foals. Winners, Zaca Gray (stakes, above), High Resolve (at two, 1943, and six races this season). *TETRANCE, placed in stakes, two foals. Winner, Gray Porte (also producer, above). Sire, Tetros. *DAY DREAM II, unplaced, eight foals. Winners, *Dixie Dreamer, Rosy Dreams (producer), Gay Dreams, Bonnie Dream. Producer, *Tetrance (placed, above).

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Mexican Triple Crown

From Mexico City comes word that the Hipodromo de las Americas, which starts its meeting October 12, considers three of its stakes a Mexican "triple crown," for 3-year-olds. These will be the Stakes Jockey Club Mexicano, one mile, March 4; the Gran Premio Nacional, 1 1/16 miles, March 18; the Derby Mexicano, 1 1/8 miles, April 8. The last-named has had its added value increased to 75,000 pesos (about $16,000 in U. S. currency). Nominations for all three close January 15, with later supplementary closings. For November 20, a national holiday in Mexico, a stakes for 3-year-old fillies at seven furlongs is scheduled, the closing date being Nov. 11.

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Harlem in India

Harlem, son of *Pharamond II and Brown Bud's sister Brown Bride, purchased by Lord Carnarvon at the Saratoga yearling sales of 1938 and later raced successfully in England and especially in India, where he proved one of that country's best milers, is now in the stud of the Maharajam of Kashmir.

MICHIGAN

Detroit

THE Labor Day program at Detroit furnished a new pari-mutuel record there, the total going to $764,706, against a previous record, set July 4, of $688,512. For the week betting was $3,028,917, an average of $504,819, and for the 96 days the track has been in operation this year the total is $47,221,195, the daily average $491,992.

The Labor Day card featured a $10,000 overnight handicap at 1 1/16 miles, in which the winner and favorite was Dearborn Stable's 3-year-old Ariel gelding, Nelson Dunstan, which had a head the best of a hard-fought finish with the second choice, Col. Teddy.

The Saturday program also had a $10,000 race, at six furlongs, and this was the occasion of a front-running victory for the 6-year-old Agrarian gelding Smacked, owned by Haggard and Snedigar. The favorite was Dixiana's Amber Light, but he finished unplaced. Supporting this race was a $7,500 event at 1 1/8 miles, won by W. E. MacDonald's Tulachmore, a Canadian-bred which built up a five-length lead going into the last furlong, then barely lasted. Col. Teddy, out for the second time of the week, was favored for this race, but he finished last.

FLORIDA

Preparation

LAST week the War Production Board rejected a request from Gulfstream Park to complete construction on the plant, but James Donn, spokesman for the track, said that nevertheless the track would be ready for its scheduled opening on December 1. The track, virtually completed, operated for four days in 1939, has been idle since, and the construction work for which the track had asked authorization was of a somewhat minor nature.

Tropical Park, which follows Gulfstream Park on the schedule this winter, opening December 25, has announced a $1,200 purse minimum, with a race of at least $2,500 on each day's program. New members of the track's official family this year will be Francis P. Dunne, racing secretary, and Lew Walger, director of the mutuels.

Though dates for the running of Hialeah Park stakes have not yet been set, it was announced September 9 that the Widener Handicap would be restored to its pre-war endowment of $50,000, that the Flamingo Stakes would be made a $30,000 race, and the McLennan Handicap set at $15,000. Six other stakes will have $10,000 added.

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Pensive Is Sent Home

Calumet Farm's 3-year-old Pensive, winner of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes this year, but beaten in his eight subsequent starts, has been sent back to Calumet Farm for the season, arriving September 9. It has not yet been decided whether an attempt will be made to bring him back to racing. In his two seasons Pensive started 22 times, won seven races, finished second five times, third four times, and earned $167,715.

STUD NEWS

Market Wise in the Stud

IN the fall of 1940 Trainer Hugh Fontaine, representing the Brookmeade Stable of Mrs. Dodge Sloane sold an ugly duckling named Market Wise, along with another 2-year-old called Flank, to a Long Island contractor, Louis Tufano, who had enjoyed making a few $2 bets and had taken a notion that he would like to own a horse or two. The price involved was reported to be $2,000 for the two, and Tufano's trainer, one George Washington Carroll, has always said that the price for Market Wise was $500.

Market Wise, a bay colt by the untried sire Brokers Tip, winner of the Kentucky Derby (his only win) out of the very fast but unsound On Hand, by On Watch out of the good producer Kippy, by Broomstick, had been bred at the Blue Ridge Stud of the late Admiral Cary T. Grayson, Upperville, Va., and at the Saratoga yearling sales of 1939 had been sold to another Upperville establishment, Brookmeade Farm, for $2,300. Up to the time of his sale to Mr. Tufano he had qualified as one of the country's worst race horses, having never been close to "the money," even when dropped into a maiden claiming race at $1,200 (at 61 to 1 in the betting). In his first race for Mr. Tufano Market Wise ran for $1,750, was 110 to 1, and got nothing. Out of the same race his owner claimed Brookmeade Stable's Okabbit for $2,000.

On September 18, 1943, a beautiful swan named Market Wise took up top weight of 124 pounds, making concessions to five horses which have won more than $100,000, ran a mile and three-sixteenths in 1:55⅖ to win the $25,000 added Narragansett Special. At the three-sixteenths pole Jockey Johnny Longden had felt him flinch with pain, but he came on with magnificent courage, ran the last furlong and a half in an estimated 17⅗ seconds to beat the low-weighted Air Master a head. After the race he limped off the track and George Washington Carroll went back to the stable to weep with him. Carroll hoped forlornly to bring him back to the races. But Market Wise was finished with racing. He had a bowed tendon which prevented him from getting to the post this year.

In between these two key points in his career Market Wise had proved himself one of the best horses of the century. He had set three track records, one American record (two miles in 3:20⅘ in the Jockey Club Gold Cup). He had beaten Whirlaway twice in four tries. His list of stakes victories included the Wood Memorial Stakes, the Jockey Club Gold Cup, the Pimlico Special, the Rockingham Park, Bowie, Gallant Fox, Edgemere, Suburban, McLennan, and Massachusetts Handicaps. His final record was 53 starts, 19 wins, seven seconds, ten thirds, $222,140 earned. To the American racing public he had become a hero. To sad-eyed little George Washington Carroll he was the greatest horse that ever lived.

During the summer months of this year Louis Tufano has been studying what to do with Market Wise. He definitely refused to sell him. He wanted to provide him with a chance to make good in the stud. This week he announces (in an advertisement on page 394) his decision to stand Market Wise at Charles A. Asbury's Hedgewood Farm at Lexington. Concerning the horse's fee he expected to make announcement this week.

Occupation to Return Home

At the end of the current racing season Occupation will be retired to the stud at his birthplace, Thomas Carr Piatt's Crestwood Farm, near Lexington, Mr. Piatt informs THE BLOOD-HORSE. Occupation, which started Owner John Marsch on the spectacular series of victories which have nicknamed him Futurity John, was the most successful 2-year-old of 1942 and has been among the best sprinters in the country at three and four. His earnings to date are $225,035.

Occupation is by *Bull Dog out of the stakes winner Miss Bunting, by Bunting, and is a brother to Occupy, another of Mr. Marsch's Futurity-winning stars.

The fee and conditions under which the horse will stand will be announced later.

Thorson Dies in Ohio

Thorson, 12-year-old chestnut stallion, by Son o' Battle—Axenbroom, by *Axenstein, belonging to Buckley M. Byers, of Pittsburgh, died September 9 at the farm of W. J. Green, Orient, Ohio, where he made the 1944 season. The horse was sent to Ohio in 1942 after being in the stud of Henry Altsheler at Hopkinsville, Ky., where he was shipped early in 1940. He was foaled March 7, 1932, at Tollie Young's Creekview Farm, near Paris, Ky., and was sold privately. During his racing career he won 19 races, including the Excelsior, Yorktown (twice), and Champlain Handicaps, and was in training through 1938. He is the sire of two winners, the 3-year-old Garza and the 2-year-old Thor Barton.

Jay D. Weil Dispersal

Jay D. Weil, Lexington breeder and owner, has sold his horse farm on the Bryan Station Pike, near Lexington, and has entered all his mares and weanlings in the Lexington Fall Sale to be conducted by the Breeders' Sales Company in November. Eleven mares and seven weanlings will be sold in the consignment. Most of the weanlings are by Sir Damion, which is owned in partnership by Mr. Weil and Hal Price Headley. The mares were bred this year to Sir Damion, Challedon, Firethorn, Swing and Sway, Menow, Roman, and Eternal Bull. Entries to the fall sale close September 15.

Ned Reigh's Shoulder Broken

Walter Craigie reports in the Richmond, Va., *Times-Dispatch*: "Chris Chenery bought the young sire Ned Reigh at the Colbert sale and turned him out in the pasture at The Meadow, where he promptly broke his shoulder. He now is in a sling." Ned Reigh, 11-year-old son of Neddie—Reigh Nun, by *Sunreigh, was one of the best 2-year-olds of 1935. In the Court Manor dispersal in the fall of 1940 he was sold to L. R. Colbert, of Fredericksburg, Va.

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Out. Greentree Stable's Four Freedoms, winner of the Widener and Brooklyn Handicaps this year, went lame during the running of the Aqueduct Handicap September 4, and will be out for the rest of the year.

PEDIGREE POINTS

By J. A. Estes

A Bulletin by Dr. Steele

SINCE he joined the University of Kentucky staff a few years ago as professor of genetics Dr. Dewey G. Steele has taken a keen interest in the light horse breeds which flourish in the Blue Grass section of central Kentucky. Summarizing his several studies is a new technical bulletin (No. 462), published by the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station and titled *A Genetic Analysis of Recent Thoroughbreds, Standardbreds, and American Saddle Horses.* The bulletin, which has 27 numbered pages, may be obtained free upon application to the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station, Lexington.

The bulletin is largely given over to the summary of various studies by Dr. Steele whose results already have been published in THE BLOOD-HORSE and to the summary of similar studies having to do with the Standardbred (trotter) and the American Saddle Horse, but he takes a moment off to dismiss the Figure Guide of Bruce Lowe as "preposterous" and the dosage system of Vuillier as "fallacious." Among his conclusions:

> Comparisons between superior and poor-performing Thoroughbreds with reference to inbreeding, relationship within each group, and relationship to an arbitrary list of ancestors revealed that there were only minor ancestral differences between extreme performance groups.
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> Closer breeding has been practiced in the Saddle Horse than in the Thoroughbred and Standardbred....
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> Performance should be the basis of selection for the stud, and meritorious production the basis for retention.
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> The current use of lengthy pedigrees lacks genetic significance. For all practical purposes individuals beyond the third generation may be ignored.
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> The average interval between generations (11-12 years) is so great that it constitutes a real limitation to selective breeding in Light Horses. The interval is probably greater than commonly thought.

One thing I like about Dewey Steele is the fact that he doesn't hesitate to take off his scientific robes, come down off the pedestal, and put up his dukes. Scientists, including the practicing members of the medical and veterinary professions, have a sort of code of ethics which does not permit them to be too positive; they don't like to run the chance of being (in Ambrose Bierce's words) "mistaken at the top of one's voice." So they are addicted to the use of language so judicial and circumspect that the lay reader may never realize there is a good fight going on. If more of them would crawl out on limbs and dare somebody to shake them off, we would lose something in decorum but would get things settled more quickly.

I'm all for the scientist who doesn't mind calling something preposterous if he thinks it is preposterous. Of course, when he uses fighting words like that he has to be prepared to (a) stand his ground or (b) duck. Whichever he does he can have just as much science and a devil of a lot more fun.

In this special instance Dr. Steele is not likely to be challenged by any of his profession. I never heard of a geneticist or a scientist of any kind who had a good word to say for the Bruce Lowe methods of breeding Thoroughbreds. On the other hand, it was a long time before one of them got around to calling them preposterous. If some of them had been so precise and so brutal forty years ago it might have saved American breeders a lot of money.

Silver Comet

IN January, 1941, in a discussion of the geographical origin of Thoroughbreds, I dropped in a note to the effect that the get of Remount stallions perhaps should be made ineligible for registration as Thoroughbreds. That trial balloon came down pronto, shot full of holes by breeders scattered from New Orleans to Seattle. Among the letter-writers who proceeded to run me up a tree was Mrs. Ernest W. Hall, of Gillette, Wyo., who, as evidence of what was being done with Remount sires, sent along "a picture of mare and colt that are hard to beat, even in Kentucky." The suckling in the picture (a yearling when it was published), already named Silver Comet, was a husky, handsome colt by Listening Ears (by Tryster), and his dam was Silver Hootch, by Hootch out of Pretty Polly, by Cubit. It was a Thoroughbred pedigree, but the names were unfamiliar to most breeders, having come through generations of breeding in a country where the best horse was simply the best cow horse.

In November, 1942, Silver Comet got his picture in THE BLOOD-HORSE again. Mrs. Hall had sent in the photograph, along with her appraisal: "He is a wonderful cow horse, and very quiet. He will break out and run cattle for five minutes or a half-day, or what have you, and never get so you can't manage him with two fingers . . . We still believe he is tops, even though born in Wyoming, by a Remount stallion."

Recently Silver Comet got his picture in another paper, the *Sheridan Press.* (Mrs. Hall didn't send up a photograph this time, or it would have been used here.) It showed him winning the Wyoming version of the Futurity, a six-furlong test, by three lengths, with a group of shirt-sleeved ranchers on a platform in the background, most of them looking up the track to see where the other horses were.

The race was under the auspices of a local association whose membership comes from three southern Montana and three northern Wyoming counties. The Futurity is the feature race, and fits local needs by allowing the horses four years before they are put to the test. Silver Comet ran the six furlongs, under 153 pounds, in 1:15. His owners, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, got 40 per cent of a purse which totaled $1,038, largest in the six-year history of the Futurity.

Caballos Americanos in Venezuela

IN the June number of the Argentine magazine *Turf y Elevage* is an article entitled "Reminiscencias del Turf Venezolano," by Aquiles Paolillo. The author recites the names of many of the men and horses prominent on the Turf in Venezuela over a considerable number of years. Since most of us in this country (including the writer of these lines) know virtually nothing about racing in Venezuela, and since the article mentions several horses bred in the United States, I am going to take advantage of Senor Paolillo's industry and retail a few of his examples for the benefit of North American readers who may find some old friends among them.

Among the winners of the Gran Premio Presidente de la Republica, Venezuela's richest race, at 2,400 meters, nearly 1½ miles, are mentioned nine horses bred in the United States. Most of these had their names changed after leaving this country. In giving the sires and dams the Venezuelan writer apparently has followed references in which the names were sometimes misspelled, and in four instances he has referred to them as English or French horses, instead of American. But the following nine of the mentioned winners of the big race are unmistakably from North America:

CARABINERO, ch. c., 1907, by Hastings—Carlotta, by Kingfisher—Carita, by *The Ill-Used. Carbineer in the *American Stud Book*.

SAILOR, ch. g., 1903, by *Ogden—Ilithyia, by Tammany—*Isis, by Bend Or. Saylor in ASB. Sent to Brazil in 1908.

PASO DOBLE, by Russell—Ethel T., by *Richmond—La Cigale, by King Alfonso. Exact identity uncertain; Ethel T. had three foals by Russell, all winners in North America, Russell T., foaled in 1904, War Jig in 1908, Billy Joe in 1912. On a guess, this would be War Jig, which Max Hirsch owned when he made his last recorded start in 1911.

FIEL, blk. c., 1910, by *Fatherless—Lizzie H., by Eolus—Cerise, by *Moccasin. This would be Hancock breeding from Ellerslie Stud in Virginia. Lizzie H. was a sister to Morello.

RATAPLAN, by Trap Rock—Annoyance, by *Meddler—Victoria IV, by Ten Broeck. Identity not fixed; could be either Vexation, b. g., foaled in 1921, or Senate, b. or br. c., 1923, both winners at three and four in this country.

GUAICAPURO, b. c., 1922, by *Wrack—Chapala, by Sir Dixon—Breakwater, by Hindoo. Winner at three in U. S. under name of Storm Cloud.

CARACHE, ch. g., 1926, by My Play—*Bird Call, by Polymelus or Pommern—Bird i' th' Hand, by Gallinule. Winner at two, four, and six in North America under name of Call Play.

CIRUJIA, b. f., 1927, by In Memoriam—Bellevue, by Fair Play—Beldame, by Octagon. Tardy Miss in ASB; did not race in North America. Twice winner of the Gran Premio del Jockey Club in Venezuela.

ALEGRIA, b. f., 1937, by Ariel—Sure Thing, by Bunting—Nemesis, by *Johren. Good Reception in ASB; winner claiming races here at two, three, and four. Winner in Venezuela of Clasico Presidencial and Copa del Hipodromo Nacional and holder of national record for 1,400 meters, 1:27⅗. Mr. Paolillo does not mention the fact, but in 1942 this daughter of Ariel, bred by Alfred G. Vanderbilt at Sagamore Farm, lacked only a trifle of being the leading money winner of the Venezuelan Turf, winning nine races and 26,529 bolivares (about $8,000).

There have been, of course, many other good winners in Venezuela from this country, though most of them have escaped attention. As an instance, the horse which nosed out Alegria as the leading money winner there in 1942 was Gran Lama (Grand Lama in U. S.), a bay gelding by *Ksar out of the good stakes winner Hilena, whose first foal he was. Gran Lama was bred by A. S. Hewitt in Virginia. Another of the leaders was Rezongon, by Sweep By, but I do not know the dam of this one.

Foreign Notes

Miss Dorothy Paget's unnamed 2-year-old colt by Solario out of Tornadic, winning a division of the Dorney Plate at Ascot early in August, "created the impression of being the best of his age in the Southern region" of England, according to the *Sporting Life* (London). This youngster, purchased for 600 guineas last year from the estate of Major Courtauld, is a half-brother to the high-class 3-year-old Growing Confidence. Their dam, Tornadic, is a full sister to Panic, dam of Military Stock Farm's young stallion *Shifting Sands II.

Two grey daughters of Mr. Jinks, son of Tetratema, were first and second in the Irish Oaks, run recently at The Curragh. Winner was Avoca, out of the Goodwood Stakes winner Avondale, by Yutoi, bred and owned by Major Dermot McCalmont, and second was Joyce. On the same day the Marble Hill Stakes, a leading Irish race for 2-year-olds, was won by the grey filly Overboard, by Xandover.

Dates for important races in England: St. Leger and Cheveley Park Stakes (for 2-year-old fillies), September 16; Champion Stakes, September 26; Middle Park Stakes, September 27; Jockey Club Cup, October 10.

The Two Thousand Guineas winner Pay Up, by Fairway out of Book Debt, thus a brother in blood to *Rhodes Scholar, has been sold by the Cliveden Stud (Lord Astor) to a syndicate of six English breeders.

While Abram S. Hewitt, Virginia breeder, was in England last winter he purchased from the Aga Khan's stud for 500 guineas a yearling colt which he described as unprepossessing, by Nearco out of the Gimcrack Stakes winner Mrs. Rustom, by Blandford out of the top-class Cos, by Flying Orb. Though the colt, named Rustom Sirdar, is still a maiden after two or three starts, Trainer Atty Persse reports that he may have the makings of a good one. After he had got away poorly and closed impressively in his first start, he was made odds-on choice in a field of 27 maidens at Ascot, but was beaten into second place by Lord Astor's Thorn Wood.

In the Madrid Grand Prix, run June 30, with a purse of about $4,000 to the winner, the first three to finish were horses exported last year from Ireland to Spain. The winner was Recherche, a bay colt, foaled in 1941, by Umidwar out of Constant Law, by Portlaw out of Constant Lady, by Stedfast out of Baronin, by Isinglass. Baronin was dam of the late J. E. Widener's *Lineage, dam of the American stakes winner Chance Line and the English stakes winner Birthright and grandam of Mr. Widener's noted French racer Victrix, which apparently was appropriated by the Germans.

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Death of James Gass

James Gass, former Thoroughbred trainer, died September 6 in Lexington at the age of 75. During his active years as trainer, Mr. Gass was associated with the late C. E. Hamilton, of Covington, Ky., and among the horses he handled for the northern Kentucky sportsman was *Mount Beacon, best known as the sire of the dam of Equifox.

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Business. During the 50 days of the Garden State Park meeting, 140 claims were made, involving a total of $276,500.

A License on Probation

Jockey Arthur Craig, suspended in 1942 by the Kentucky State Racing Commission and again denied a license in 1943, will receive a license "on probation, effective December 1, 1944," according to a decision of the new commission at a meeting held in Lexington September 11. Craig was represented by counsel, former Circuit Judge King Swope.

The commission at its meeting also appointed Dr. F. H. Riester, of Buechel, Ky., as State Veterinarian, succeeding Dr. W. E. Coover, Lexington, who resigned.

Churchill Downs has not yet applied to the commission for its fall dates, but the Louisville track has announced its plans to hold a 19-day meeting from October 21 to November 11.

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Death of Marion Hollins

Miss Marion Hollins, former owner of Nevada Queen, sensational 2-year-old performer of lush Agua Caliente days, died August 27 in a nursing home in suburban San Francisco. Prominent as a holder of many golf titles, including the woman's national championship, Miss Hollins made a fortune in California oil and real estate. She was also an accomplished horsewoman and in 1931, when Nevada Queen was breaking track records at Caliente, she bought the filly from her breeder, "Wild Horse" Charlie Farrell, for a reported price of $15,000.

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Loss of a Bug

Jockey Bobby Permane came to the end of his apprentice allowance August 31, marked the event with a riding triple, including the last race of the Saratoga card. Without the allowance he won the first race on the next day's program, and on September 2 he got a double, including a win in the Saratoga Cup with Bolingbroke. Through September 2 Permane has ridden 167 winners this year. He rode 64 winners during the latter part of last season, and during the year of his apprenticeship rode 228.

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Leading Sires, 1944

Rank	Sire	Winners	(SW)	Races	Amount
1.	*Pharamond II	33	1	75	$221,861
2.	Questionnaire	35	3	71	216,390
3.	Bull Lea	14	3	36	208,200
4.	Peace Chance	42	2	102	198,763
5.	Case Ace	22	2	49	184,870
6.	*Bull Dog	48	7	113[3]	179,905
7.	Discovery	35	4	91[1]	173,797
8.	*Cohort	37	3	†84[1]	160,899
9.	Stimulus	40	3	73[1]	160,094
10.	Ariel	56	3	124[1]	157,641
11.	Pompey	45	1	93[1]	149,125
12.	Hyperion (Eng.)	5	1	14	149,005
13.	Sun Teddy	32	3	70[1]	142,587
14.	*Royal Minstrel	18	1	47[1]	139,698
15.	Chance Play	47	1	106	138,465
16.	*Challenger II	43	3	94[1]	138,260
17.	*Sir Gallahad III	31	4	68	134,615
18.	Jack High	31	2	64[1]	118,585
19.	*Blenheim II	33	3	67[1]	117,805
20.	Flying Heels	56	0	114[2]	110,466

First monies only. Racing of September 9 included, except for races on which reports are delayed. Superior figures indicate dead heats. SW indicates stakes winners.

†Plus one-third of a race (three-way dead heat).

A Billion Across the Board

Under that heading the magazine *Fortune* in its September issue has an excellent article summarizing the current boom in racing and Thoroughbred breeding. *Life* has been collecting pictures and data for an article on the same subject, to be published soon.

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Brothers. Last week Apprentice Richard (Dickie) Meade rode two winners at Garden State Park September 4, again on September 5. On September 6 his brother Donald Meade made his first visit of the year to Garden State Park, took three mounts, won with all three, with Brother Dickie second each time.

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MARKET WISE

(Property of Louis Tufano)

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		Belgravia	
	*Forteresse	Sardanapale	
		Guerriere	
On Hand	On Watch	Colin	
		Rubia Granda	
	Kippy	Broomstick	
		Seamstress	

ON HAND is a 100 per cent producer. She has had 5 foals of racing age, all winners, two of them stakes winners—MARKET WISE and TOO TIMELY (C. C. A. Oaks).

KIPPY produced 9 winners, including the stakes winners SORTIE (also sire), ON POST, and Tweedledee.

Won at Three, 1941

Pimlico Special . . . beating Haltal, only 2 started.

Edgemere Handicap . . . beating Royal Man, Foxbrough, Fenelon, Your Chance (Suburban winner that year), etc., in new track record time for the mile and one-eighth, 1:50.

Jockey Club Gold Cup . . . beating Whirlaway a nose, after racing head and head with him last half mile, both weighted at 114; Fenelon finished third; time for 2 miles, 3:20⅘, new American record.

Gallant Fox Handicap . . . winning by 6, beating Dark Discovery, Fenelon, Shot Put, Tola Rose, etc.

Gov. Bowie Handicap . . . carrying top weight of 124, and reducing track record for the mile and five-eighths one and one-fifth seconds to 2:43⅕. (*Kayak II held record previously.)

Rockingham Park Handicap . . . carrying top weight.

Wood Memorial Stakes . . . beating Curious Coin, King Cole, etc.

Won at Four, 1942

Suburban Handicap . . . by 2 lengths, carrying 124, beating Whirlaway (129), Attention (124), Can't Wait (109), Bolingbroke (108), etc., mile and one-quarter in 2:01⅘, last quarter in :24⅗.

McLennan Handicap . . . carrying 124, beating War Relic, Our Boots, etc.

Won at Five, 1943

Massachusetts Handicap ($50,000-added) . . . carrying 126, top weight, beating Salto (103), *Don Bingo (114, winner of Suburban in previous start).

Narragansett Special . . . carrying 124, top weight, beating Air Master (100), Thumbs Up (122), Shut Out (118), Apache (120), Bolingbroke (116), and Sun Again (114). (His last race.)

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Notes on Racing In Australia

By Gwyn Jones

Kindergarten

MELBOURNE, July 12—Kindergarten, the best horse in New Zealand for four years, has again been rated the best horse in these parts by heading the weights for the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups to be run on October 21 and November 11, respectively, at Caulfield and Flemington. In the 1½-mile Caulfield Cup of £6,500 he has been weighted at 142 pounds and has 2 pounds less in the Melbourne Cup of £7,500, run over two miles.

The New Zealand champion has made only one visit to Australia and had only one race at Randwick as an early 4-year-old. He could manage only a very moderate third but of course he was not himself, and in fact after the race his then trainer, R. S. Bagby, took him home to New Zealand with the sad veterinary advice that Kindergarten probably would never be able to race again. This was soon disproved, as Kindergarten more than recovered. He went on to clean the boards in the Dominion but Japan's entry into the war and the danger to Pacific and Tasman shipping has so far nullified any plans to send Kindergarten on his second voyage to this country.

The son of Kincardine is, according to New Zealand reports, "somewhere in the country." Quite an air of mystery seemingly has developed about the horse and there has been no authentic news of him in Melbourne since about Easter time. Bookmakers betting on the double have taken no risks with Kindergarten, which has shoveled a lot of money into their bags. He was a hot favorite for the Melbourne Cup when his Sydney trip was cancelled hurriedly and he was favorite last year when he was withdrawn early in the proceedings, but not before a lot of gratuitous and unwanted "hot air" has been hurtled across the Tasman to the effect that he would be here. The news was quite all right—but for the bookmakers only.

When the cups are run Kindergarten will be seven years old. Our racing season starts on August 1, and so it does in New Zealand. He has been topweight for the Melbourne Cup for the last three years and has been entered for the past four years but he has yet to run. Perhaps it has been left a little too late. Last year he was given 146 pounds while in previous years he was assessed at 139 and 133 pounds—plenty of weight to lump over two miles.

Other Highweights

OF the Australian horses last year's winner, Dark Felt, has been rated highest at 133 pounds for the Melbourne Cup and next is the rising 4-year-old Lawrence (he will be four when you are reading this letter) which has 127, or one pound above weight-for-age. This is not too much for Lawrence, which is favorite for the race and rightly so, as he was an outstanding 3-year-old and will, all going well, be a much better 4-year-old. He is by Law Maker and Dark Felt is by a Melbourne Cup winner, Spearfelt, by Spearhead, a grandson of Carbine.

Counsel is one of the best horses in Victoria and he is now being trained by R. Webster, the man who scored last year with Dark Felt. Counsel was formerly trained by our leading trainer, L. Robertson, while Dark Felt is in a new stable too. Some owners are never satisfied. Counsel, with 123 pounds, is a distinct Melbourne Cup hope and it is whispered in certain quarters that when he trained Counsel, Robertson always rated him a better stayer than Lawrence. Robertson is a grand judge and the spring will be the test of his opinion of the two horses. Claudette, a Grand National Hurdle winner, is a fine stayer and has to be respected at 114. She ran third last year. The champion filly Flight has her full share with 118. Robertson has another promising type in Martial Law of which good things are expected this spring. Delina (by Manitoba) has been rated the best of the rising 3-year-old fillies and Oaklaw (by Law Maker) best of the colts. At this stage I fancy Lawrence and Counsel as much as anything for the Melbourne Cup.

Caulfield Weights

DARK FELT has 133 pounds also in the Caulfield Cup, which will be run at Caulfield for the first time for five years. It is an easier course than Flemington and the stayers not up to two miles are much better off here where speed counts round the turns, as against the long open stretches at Flemington. Katanga, with 133, is rated best of the Sydney stayers but whether any will get here remains to be seen. Lawrence has 129 and Amana (second last year) has one pound more, and around Caulfield I would prefer Amana to Lawrence. Amana has wintered well and is now a magnificent specimen. He is by the £19,000 horse Talking, a son of defunct Magpie (son of Dark Ronald). I also have a strong fancy for the Oaks winner Three Wheeler with 116. Flight has been slaughtered in the Caulfield with 123. The rising 4-year-old David's Last (by David) is an early pick and so, too, is Pantheist (by Pantheon), which will do better at Caulfield than at Flemington. Valentino is to be respected and a sound choice at 114 pounds is Martial Law. At this juncture the four I prefer are Pantheist, Amana, Three Wheeler, and Martial Law, the last-named being a stablemate of Lawrence.

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Frank Butzow Resigns

Frank E. Butzow, for the past five years associated with the Arlington-Washington Park publicity department, has resigned from that position. He has been Turf and political correspondent for several publications, owns the horses Miss Observer and Priscilla Prim, and intends to continue his Turf activities. He also writes a column, "The Periscope," for the *Illinois Observer*, political newspaper of which he has been editor for the past ten years. He has had newspaper connections since 1912, has been a lifelong horse enthusiast, and was one of the supporters of the move in the early 1920's which restored racing to Illinois under pari-mutuel wagering. He originated the Equipoise Mile at Arlington Park.

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RACING RECORD

Age	Sts.	1st	2nd	3rd	Won
2	1	0	0	0	$ —
3	8	3	4	0	5,100
4	23	8	3	3	30,465
5	12	4	4	0	16,700
6	1	0	0	0	150
	45	15	11	3	$52,485

Raced Against the Best

BEST SELLER first demonstrated his real merit as a top race horse at three when he defeated Daily Trouble and others in an overnight race at Laurel and then finished second to Market Wise in Pimlico's Governor Bowie Handicap in the new track record time of 2:43⅕ for a mile and five-eighths. BEST SELLER was three times first and four times second in his eight starts at three. At four, he won the Governor's Handicap under top weight of 126 pounds, won the Equipoise Mile at Arlington Park in 1:36, won the Skokie Handicap at Arlington Park under 120 pounds, mile in 1:37⅗, and won the Motor City Handicap at Detroit. He was second to Marriage, beaten only a nose, in the Col. Alger Memorial Handicap in time that was but two-fifths off the track record, and in the Widener Handicap the same year he was beaten only a head by The Rhymer after fighting off consecutive challenges from such horses as Dit, Attention and Mioland. Behind him also were Our Boots, Alsab, Challedon, Market Wise, Pictor, in fact nearly all the top handicap horses of that time. Best Seller led from the start and as the chart notes said, held on with courage. In the Dixie Handicap, Best Seller rushed up to challenge Attention in the stretch and tired in the last stages as Whirlaway, Attention, Mioland and Challedon beat him narrowly. Also at four, Best Seller was fourth to Attention in the Metropolitan after setting the pace and beating such horses as Rosetown, Boysy, Third Degree and Can't Wait. He also was second in the Clang Handicap and third in the Hawthorne Handicap. At five, Best Seller won the Churchill Downs Handicap, again won the Equipoise Mile, beating the best horses in the country, including Thumbs Up, *Rounders, Whirlaway, Marriage and others. At five he also won the Governor's Handicap for the second time, and he was second to the superlative mudder, Shot Put, in the Kentucky Handicap on a muddy track. He was also second under top weight in the Lincoln Handicap.

His Sire

BLUE LARKSPUR, as the records show, was one of America's top race horses of all time, and as a stallion has won an enduring place in breeding annals. His get have won approximately $1,250,000. A number of the top horses of the past decade have been his sons or daughters or grandsons and granddaughters. His daughters are among the most valuable and sought-after producers in the world and he has earned a high place on the breed's list of brood-mare sires.

His Dam

BAZAAR, foaled in this country though of pure English breeding, proved herself a top filly in every respect, one capable of beating the best colts as well as the best of her own sex. She won the Hopeful by four lengths giving weight to and beating High Quest, Discovery, the Futurity winner Singing Wood and others, Test Stakes, and the Albany, Spalding Lowe Jenkins (beating Cavalcade and others) and Mount Washington Handicaps, for total earnings of $53,245. She comes of a family that has produced many successful sires.

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		Plucky Liege	Spearmint
			Concertina
	*Buckup	Buchan	Sunstar
			Hamoaze
		Look Up	Ultimus
			Sweeping Glance

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Roman's First Foals Are Yearlings of 1944

Four of his yearlings (2 colts—2 fillies) were sold at the Keeneland Auctions, commanding unusual attention and excellent prices. They averaged $4,450 per head; ranging to $6,600 for the filly out of Royal Robes, by Haste.

The outstanding characteristic of Roman's foals to date (including 1944 sucklings) is their uniform good quality. Good legs, good feet, well balanced, smooth muscled bodies; active, yet well mannered and possessed of a proud carriage often seen in the bearing of Thoroughbreds of great capacity.

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Average Earnings of His First 162 Foals Were $7,871

HIS RECORD AS A SIRE

***CHALLENGER II is the sire of ten crops of foals old enough to race. In his first nine crops were 162 foals, and to the end of 1943 they had earned $1,275,155, an average of $7,871 PER FOAL. Only two living sires which are still in service rank above him in average earnings of their foals. They are *Blenheim II and *Bull Dog.**

*CHALLENGER II's tenth crop of foals includes six winners as 2-year-olds this season. Among the six is the good 2-year-old stakes winner Errard, winner of four races. *Challenger II also is sire of the current stakes winners Challenge Me and Who Goes There.

*CHALLENGER II has ranked among America's Leading Sires since 1938. He was the Leading Sire in 1939, fourth in 1940, seventh in 1943, and eighth in 1942. He is among the top ten this year.

*CHALLENGER II has a high percentage of stakes winners from his foals, including Challedon, which ranks sixth among the world's leading money-winning horses. Other stakes winners among his get are Pictor, Challephen, Goya, Challite, Savage Beauty, The Schemer, Harp Weaver, Aethelwold, Challamore, Victory Morn, Magnificent, Air Marshal, Unchallenged, Vincentive, Dare Me, and First to Fight.

*CHALLENGER II also sires a good percentage of 2-year-old winners from his foals and they are especially durable horses, winning for many seasons. Of 42 winners in his first five crops, two won in eight seasons, three in seven seasons, three in six seasons, three in five seasons, and six in four seasons (17 of 42 winners had won in four or more seasons).

HIS FAMILY

*CHALLENGER II is a representative of one of the world's greatest sire lines. He is a son of Swynford, whose sons and grandsons have led the sire lists of numerous countries. Blandford is a son of Swynford, leading sire in England, sire of *Blenheim II, leading sire in America and sire of Whirlaway, world's greatest money-winner, and of *Mahmoud, an outstanding young sire. Swynford also sired *St. Germans, a leading American sire, whose get included Twenty Grand and other top horses. Silurian, another son of Swynford, was a leading sire in Argentina.

*CHALLENGER II's sons which have been retired to the stud are highly regarded as stock horses, and his daughters are proving themselves as producers.

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